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HANOI TAKES TOWN, TWO FIREBASES

SAIGON. — Communist forces captured another town in central South Vietnam yesterday and hammered away at the approaches of Quang Tri city after seizing two firebases near the old capital of Hue.

One firebase, Bastogne, was abandoned by its defenders on Friday night in the face of an attack by North Vietnamese troops outnumbering them five to one, a military spokesman said.

The town lost was Borg Son, the second town in Binh Dinh province captured by the North Vietnamese in their month-long offensive. The district chief was reported killed before communications with the defenders were cut.

South Vietnamese troops reported killing nearly 200 northerners and destroying 25 tanks in a night battle on the approaches to Quang Tri, near the Demilitarized Zone, where government troops cling to an important river bridge in the suburbs under heavy Communist fire.

Regimental-sized North Vietnamese units had outflanked the South Vietnamese and advanced south of the city, ambushing an outgoing refugee convoy and stopping a column of government reinforcements headed for the city.

North Vietnamese tanks were spotted on all sides of Quang Tri city, ranging from the Soviet-built T54 medium tank to the PT76 light assault vehicle.

A senior U.S. officer said U.S. bombers and helicopter gunships, 7th Fleet destroyers firing from off shore, and South Vietnamese forces had knocked out 30 North Vietnamese tanks in the past two days.

Three more U.S. helicopters were hit by ground fire yesterday on top of eight hit on Friday. Three Americans were wounded in the latest attacks on the aircraft, and one of the helicopters shot down.

With Highway 1 blocked to Quang Tri, the U.S. Command was trying to establish an air corridor to Quang Tri city to resupply the defenders and the Quang Tri combat base, 4 kms. to the north-west. (See stories, pages 1, 3)

Sadat ends Moscow visit earlier Russians support 'all methods' to free areas

The Soviet Union said last night that the Arab countries confronting Israel "have every right to use all methods to regain the lands usurped by Israel."

The statement was contained in a Soviet-Egyptian joint communique issued in Cairo and Moscow last night after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat returned to Cairo yesterday, with his visit ending earlier than expected.

His programme called for four meetings with the Russians on Friday and yesterday with a return to Cairo today. But after a six-hour session on Friday, President Sadat and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said they had been able to complete their discussions ahead of schedule.

Mr. Sadat met Party leader Leonid Brezhnev for a second session yesterday morning. The communique said that the Soviet Union and Egypt were convinced that a just peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved except by the full implementation of the 1967 Security Council resolution "with the basic condition" that Israel withdraw from all territories taken over in the Six Day War, and that "the legitimate rights of the Arab Palestinian people" be ensured.

The communique went on to say that the Soviet Union and Egypt would go on coordinating their "struggle towards a just settlement," noting that the Arab military potential would be strengthened towards this end.

Unlike the communique issued on Sadat's previous visit to Moscow last February, yesterday's statement made no emphasis on the need for a peaceful settlement, or the resumption of the peace mission of the U.N. Middle East envoy, Dr. Gunnar Jarring, who is due in New York tomorrow for consultations with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

The communique accused "imperialist" circles of obstructing all political efforts in the Middle East. It also criticized the U.S. for supporting Israel.

The communique said that the Sadat talks in Moscow dealt with a variety of topics concerning the Middle East crisis, noting that the Soviet negotiation party was headed by Mr. Brezhnev. The Soviet side included Premier Kosygin, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, and Defence Minister Marshal Andrei Grechko.

Mr. Sadat's visit to Moscow appeared last night to be significant for the peace talks it posed rather than any concrete results.

The Russians, despite their affirmations of renewed support to the Arabs, seemed to have sent Sadat home to soften opposition within Egypt to cooperation with the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union appeared to have been dissatisfied recently with the Sadat regime's method of handling anti-Soviet sentiments which have been spreading from a number of Arab states into Egypt itself.

The Russians seemed to have demanded immediate consolidation of relations between the Soviet Communist Party and Egypt's Arab Socialist Union, in reply to Sadat's recent reassertions that Egypt had no "ideological" links with Moscow.

The Soviets sidestepped a series of issues raised by Sadat, and even seemed to have shown him a certain coldness.

Further, both Mr. Brezhnev and President Podgorny failed to welcome or to see Sadat off at the airport. On hand at his arrival and departure were other officials, headed by Premier Alexei Kosygin and Politburo member Mikhail Suslov.

The Egyptian news media were confused over Moscow's treatment of Sadat. Cairo's "Al-Akhabar" yesterday said that Mr. Brezhnev apologized to Sadat for being unable to meet him on arrival due to a previous engagement. The paper carried the story hours before Sadat's departure when Mr. Brezhnev also failed to appear. (See Heykal, page 3)

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NETIVEI NEFT

MR. Mordechai Friedman's resignation as general manager of Netivei Neft by 20 means closes the affair. In particular, it does not absolve the Cabinet from a belatedly recognized responsibility to discuss the issue and reach conclusions on the wider questions of public morality raised by the Witkon Report.

Basically, Dr. Neev sought to uncover a conspiracy. Mr. Friedman, he alleged, was the instrument of this conspiracy, designed to achieve an immoral concentration of power. The accusation was spiced with stories of orgies and riotous living in the Sinai desert.

The conspiracy charge was found baseless and the peripheral allegations ridiculed, by all the Commission members.

The Commission pointed out weaknesses in Government control; and these, the Government must act to remedy.

What moved Aluf Zorea to recommend Mr. Friedman's dismissal, and what moved the public to demand it? The majority criticized Mr. Friedman's propriety, but affirmed that his impropriety was not gross enough to require his dismissal.

This was the opinion of the seasoned lawyer-judge, and the businessman. Apparently they seemed to think that what Mr. Friedman did in connection with the \$97,000 was something which other Israeli businessmen might also do. After all, as Justice Witkon remarked in a famous judgement, public morality is no more than that which the reasonable man in a society considers moral. Zorea, the soldier and farmer, could not countenance this.

Thus the fundamental issue is that of public morals in Israeli society. Justice Witkon and Mr. Kalir, by refusing to recommend Friedman's dismissal, implied that his actions were within the existing norms of Israeli business life and public administration. This is the frightening thought which the Cabinet must face today. Merely throwing Friedman to the wolves does not solve anything.

MAY DAY

THE Histadrut's appropriate decision to celebrate May Day tomorrow under the slogan "Welcome the Immigrant" indicates recognition that few of the mottoes coined for the day by the international labour movement since the Second Socialist International in Paris in 1889 are relevant to Israel today, or indeed to almost any country in the seventies.

It can be argued that the celebration has little meaning when national labour movements today dominate many, often mutually hostile, sovereign states; when the British TUC can sponsor demonstrations against Britain's joining its economy to that of mainly socialist Western Europe; when the trade unions of the prosperous world prefer helping their members further prosper rather than lending a helping hand to underprivileged masses of Africa, Asia and South America. And there are grounds for asking whether there can be any similarity between the May Day marked by Jewish labourers and that observed in Moscow.

There are those who maintain that observance of International Labour Day fosters the hope that one day the world's workers will indeed be united. It is, however, arguable whether such observance should have taken the form of the Histadrut's decision to bring the country's industry to a 24-hour standstill.

May Day this year falls just one day before Lag Ba'Omer, a minor festival commemorating a stage in the revolt of our people against an imperialist oppressor eighteen centuries ago. It is a pity that a way could not have been found for secularists and religious to celebrate together, as we do on Independence Day.

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On the occasion of May Day, The Jerusalem Post will not be published tomorrow. The next edition will appear on Tuesday, May 2.

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DEADLOCK IN BUNDESTAG

Pacts' ratification may be delayed

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
BONN. — Chancellor Willy Brandt's chief spokesman said yesterday it is possible that ratification of Bonn's controversial non-aggression pacts with Russia and Poland may be delayed "by a few days."

Spokesman Conrad Ahlers said a final decision would be made in Parliament probably on Tuesday. He thus hinted Mr. Brandt may go halfway to meet opposition leader Rainer Barzel's demand that treaty approval in the Bundestag be postponed.

The Christian Democrats want more assurances that the pacts will not perpetuate division of Germany and its people.

Mr. Ahlers was outlining the situation after Messrs. Brandt and Barzel, accompanied by their chief party leaders, met on Friday night for over four hours to seek common ground on domestic and foreign policy.

The meeting occurred at Mr. Brandt's invitation after two crisis votes within 24 hours in Parliament which left Socialist Chancellor Brandt without a workable majority.

A central issue was Mr. Brandt's approach towards improving relations with East Europe. Mr. Barzel has demanded fulfilment of three "essentials" before he gives his party the okay to approve the East-ern treaties.

The essentials are a "positive" statement by Moscow towards the European Common Market; Kremlin acceptance of the right of self-determination for all Germans; pro-

mise of more movement in both directions through the barbed wire border dividing East and West Germany.

Mr. Ahlers confirmed that the three essentials are included in the current efforts to reach an understanding with Mr. Barzel. But he indicated the Government wants a solution which will not require further major concessions from Moscow.

Bonn was yesterday preparing for an indefinite period of tough bargaining between Government and Opposition to find a way out of the country's parliamentary deadlock, which also covers questions of economic and financial policy and the fight against political radicalism.

The present crisis has given Mr. Barzel a weight in influencing Government policy and action because Chancellor Brandt no longer can count on a majority to pass critical legislation.

On Thursday Mr. Brandt barely survived the first no-confidence vote in West Germany's history and on Friday he could not rally enough votes to pass his own office's budget. The vote was tied 247-247.

Mr. Barzel told a Christian Democrat Party congress yesterday that his party was ready to work out a common foreign policy, which he considered the only way to remove the cause of the present political situation.

In West Berlin yesterday, Mr. Brandt stood on the flag-bedecked steps of his Old City Hall and told tens of thousands of West Berliners that his treaties with Moscow and Warsaw would not fail.

Heat breaks, storms ensue for Mrs. Meir's Rumania trip

Jerusalem Post Staff
The stifling shewar, which held the entire country in its grip for three days last week, broke on Friday evening, bringing in the wake thunderstorms, hail, dust-storms and gusty winds that left many Israelis wondering if they hadn't been better off just dehydrating in the heat.

Just about the only relief the freakish weather brought was a considerable drop in temperatures.

The weatherman said temperatures will be back to normal today with partly cloudy skies and light, scattered showers up and down the country. He said the weekend storm was "unusual and unseasonal."

In most parts of the country, the downpours were brief but violent, preceded and followed by hazy skies and strong winds, which caused scattered damage. In Jerusalem and other towns, trees, and electric lines were knocked down, and a number of roof tiles were blown off. The display windows of Jerusalem's large Hamashbir Lantzarchan department store were smashed when the winds blew off the scaffolding of an adjacent building under construction.

In the Tel Aviv area the weather alternated very hot and cool and sudden showers found bathers unprepared on the beaches and swept the busy pavement cafes clean.

The coastal police were called out to rescue 30 youngsters whose sail boat capsized at noon in Haifa Bay. The police picked up the youngsters and then towed their craft — as well as three others whose sails were ripped off by the winds — to Kishon Harbour.

In the South, police reported several roads closed due to flooding. These were the Beersheba-Yerushan and the Yerushan-Migpa-Ramon roads. The Arava road to Eilat was impassable in several places owing to flash floods in Nahal Tzin and Nahal Paraz.

Friday found inhabitants of the towns on the coastal plain sweltering from a heavy shewar which let up by the morning to be followed by sand and dust storms which caused housewives to despair as homes filled with dust. Residents of high-rise buildings in the Tel Aviv area found most of the city enveloped in a dark haze which blocked off the midday sun. The freak weather also found the bathers deserting the beaches where they had earlier sought relief from the shewar as the unusually stormy sea made swimming dangerous.

Alignment to discuss labour issue tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour-Mapan Alignment executive under Premier Golda Meir's chairmanship will tomorrow meet in Jerusalem to discuss the country's deteriorating industrial relations.

The Alignment leadership will thereby utilize May Day for a thorough debate on the labour front.

Mrs. Meir assured Manufacturers' Association President Mark Mosevics that a serious attempt would be made on the political level to ease the labour situation. Mrs. Meir met Mr. Mosevics at his request, in her office at the Tel Aviv Kirya.

He came to protest what he considered an attempt by trade unions to demand much more in wage increases and fringe benefits than provided for within the overall agreement reached with the Histadrut at the end of February (giving three per cent increase now and another three per cent next year).

Most Israeli daily newspapers and the radio and television are sending correspondents to cover the visit. The larger overseas newspapers and media are also showing keen interest: some will send their Jerusalem correspondents with the Premier, and others have posted men from their European bureaus to Bucharest to cover the talks.

From Paris, I.N.A. reports that the Soviet Union was not consulted nor even informed of Rumania's invitation to Mrs. Meir until after Deputy Foreign Minister Ghiorgiu Macovescu had extended the invitation.

Circles close to the Rumanian embassy in Paris added the Soviet Union did not express any displeasure at the invitation but asked to be kept informed of developments.

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FRIEDMAN RESIGNS

Government to discuss Witkon report today



A smiling Mordechai Friedman at his office desk on Friday after he had resigned as general manager of Netivei Neft.

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Mordechai Friedman's resignation as general manager of Netivei Neft, the Government-owned oil company, has been accepted by the company's board of directors. Mr. Friedman tendered his resignation in the wake of a public outcry contesting the Witkon Commission's majority opinion that he was fit to carry on his duties as head of the Sinai-based company.

Despite Mr. Friedman's resignation, the report of the Witkon committee, set up by the Government last November, will be on the Cabinet's agenda this morning. The Cabinet will discuss the specific implications of the report, and presumably the legislation, drafted by Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, on administration of Government companies.

It may also discuss whether any further action should be taken against Mr. Friedman with regard to topics which were not within the scope of the Commission's inquiry, such as the possibility of income tax evasion.

Mr. Friedman's resignation, made late on Thursday night after he returned unexpectedly from a business trip to Italy, has saved the Government from the awkward situation of either contesting the ma-

jury report or of accepting the report and facing what promised to be a public outcry of impressive dimensions.

No successor has yet been named to replace Mr. Friedman, but three names have been mentioned: Mr. Yitzhak Sirkis, Chairman of the Netivei Neft directorate and a veteran oil administrator; Mr. Meir Giron, formerly of Shell and currently an independent petroleum broker; and Mr. Avigdor Bar Tal, head of the Haifa Refineries. Mr. Mordechai Chen, Lapidot's general manager and a central figure in the hearings, has not been mentioned.

Whoever is named will have to be a man of remarkable talent if he is to maintain the production figures and earnings (in the vicinity of IL250m. last year) achieved by Mr. Friedman over the past five years. He will also have to be a salesman of no mean stature in order to sell oil produced from wells in administered territory, to clients who do not want to antagonize Arab suppliers.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Friedman reminded the members that it was only on their insistence — and that of the Government — that he agreed to remain on as Netivei Neft's general manager in 1968 and to sell his private drilling

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Call in Paris for halt on French Mirage supply to Libya

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The French newspaper "L'Aurore" yesterday called on France to stop delivering Mirage warplanes to Libya following Egyptian President Sadat's admission that Egypt is obtaining French military equipment from other countries.

"L'Aurore" editor Roland Faure wrote in a front-page editorial: "So long as revelations of this kind originate from Jerusalem it was child's play for the French Government to suspect them of being biased and to refuse to take account of them."

"Following the confession of Mr. Sadat, it seems impossible to us that Paris should fall either to re-

view the questionable position which it has adopted over the Middle East conflict or to suspend shipments of Mirages to Tripoli.

"French public opinion would be extremely shocked and would react very severely towards the Government if French planes sold to Libya were to take part in any offensive launched by the Egyptians against Israel in the near future."

France is building 110 Mirages for Libya. So far 20 of these have been delivered and a further 10 are scheduled for shipment shortly.

France has also supplied Libya with four Alouette and eight Super-Frelon helicopters, radar equipment for civilian and military navigation and other material for air-

ports and air bases. But France has refused to sell the Libyans Crotale anti-aircraft missiles which have been delivered to Lebanon.

French officials yesterday reaffirmed that, in spite of President Sadat's remarks, France has not made any deliveries of military equipment to Egypt since General de Gaulle's embargo embracing the so-called "battleground" countries of the Six Day War.

But the influential "Le Monde" commented: "It is reasonable to wonder whether Cairo has not obtained certain items from other countries in the same way as Israel has been doing on a greater scale."

"Le Monde" said the possibility that Egypt had provided Libya with pilots to fly its Mirages should not be discounted, because the Egyptians had made technicians available to the Tripoli regime in many fields, notably to help run the economy and the government.

UPI reported from Beirut that Egypt is receiving military electronics equipment from Britain and is holding secret talks with London for the direct purchase of weapons.

The agency said the "World Daily News Digest" reported yesterday that Cairo was importing the electronics equipment directly from the United Kingdom, rather than through a third party, for use in the operation of some of its weapons.

Secret negotiations were also being held between the two countries on a possible weapons deal, the "Digest" said.

Wide-ranging antibiotic made in U.K.

LONDON (AP). — Britain's Beecham Chemical group yesterday claimed a major antibiotic breakthrough, which it said "is lethal against the majority of bacterial infections."

The makers said that the new antibiotic, to be sold under the brand name of "aseoid," is a comparatively low-cost product operating on a broad spectrum. It is particularly suitable in combating bronchitis, ear infections, laryngitis, tonsillitis, urinary tract infections, boils and carbuncles.

The new compound is to be made available immediately to doctors and hospitals in Britain and progressively in other countries when approval is received from the authorities.

Beecham said that compared with other antibiotics "aseoid" is effective in much smaller dosage. Its normal daily dosage was 250 milligrams per capsule taken three times a day, while most other antibiotics needed to be taken four times a day using the same amount per capsule.

Palestinian congress in Amman in May

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A Palestinian congress will be held in Amman on May 15, as a counter-meeting to the Cairo sponsored congress convened in the Egyptian capital by the Palestinian Liberation Organization last month. This was reported yesterday by Jordan's "Amman al-Massa" weekly, confirming earlier reports carried by the "Jerusalem Post."

The Amman congress will invite representatives from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. When asked recently whether such representatives would be allowed to attend the Amman congress, military sources in the administered areas told The Post that the matter would be decided when the local leaders forward official applications for participation. The local authorities last month prohibited the participation of West Bank and Gaza Strip residents in the Cairo congress.

The present congress is being organized by a 10-man preparatory committee, which declared that the Cairo-based congress did not represent the Palestinians, the majority of whom live in Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza.

The committee said that among the issues to be discussed at the congress will be King Hussein's scheme for a Jordanian-Palestinian federation linking Jordan with the West Bank and the hostile attitude of Arab states towards the plan. The congress' main role, however, with undoubtedly be the creation of a new Palestinian leadership which would disqualify the Cairo-backed terrorist movement from speaking for the Palestinian people. This aspect is expected to create an immediate uproar among Arabs and terrorists, which is likely to affect the extent of participation in the congress.



Egypt, E.E.C. in 5-year trade accord

BRUSSELS (AP). — Egypt and the Common Market on Friday reached accord on a five-year trade agreement.

The problem that had blocked accord in previous talks — Egyptian boycott of firms dealing with Israel — was not mentioned in the public statement.

An informed source said the matter was settled by a proposal from Egypt that measures taken for the security of the state would be in accordance with the agreement.

It provides for a 60 per cent reduction in the Common Market tariff on Egyptian exports of citrus fruit, the same advantage given Israel. Other Egyptian farm products will get tariff reductions of 25 to 30 per cent.

Castro to visit Algeria in May

MIAMI (AP). — Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba will visit Algeria in early May for an "official and friendly" trip, Radio Havana reported yesterday.

The broadcast, monitored here, said Castro was invited to visit the country by Algerian President Houari Boumedienne.

Top-level Soviet group visited Hanoi last week

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union yesterday disclosed it sent a high-level political delegation to Hanoi on Wednesday — only two days after U.S. Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger was here on a secret visit.

Tass said the group, which met North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong, consisted of Central Committee Secretary Konstantin Katushev, Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Firyubin and Mr. Igor Ognov, a senior Central Committee Secretary.

It added that "questions connected with the development and strengthening of Soviet-Vietnamese relations, as well as some questions of mutual interest, were discussed in the course of the conversations that passed in an atmosphere of cordiality, fraternal friendship and mutual understanding."

The trip lasted from Wednesday until yesterday.

Meanwhile, China yesterday accused President Nixon of trying to gloss over U.S. crimes of aggression in Indochina.

It was the first personal attack by Peking on the U.S. President.

since his visit to China in February.

The New China News Agency, commenting on Mr. Nixon's televised address on Vietnam earlier this week, said he justified the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam by alleging that there was a massive invasion of South Vietnam by North Vietnam.

"It is futile for U.S. imperialism to try to gloss over its crimes of aggression" by calling white black," it added.

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Secret negotiations were also being held between the two countries on a possible weapons deal, the "Digest" said.

Peking reduces May Day fete

PEKING (Reuters). — There will be no massive traditional celebration and fireworks display in Peking's Tiananmen Square to mark May Day tomorrow, diplomatic sources said here today. Nor will there be a line-up of the Chinese leadership on the rostrum of the Gate of Heavenly Peace fronting the square.

Diplomats who called at the Foreign Ministry yesterday were told the May Day celebrations would take place in Peking's parks with sports events in the capital's stadiums.

The diplomats noted this possibility ruled out the first public appearance in a year of the 78-year-old Chairman Mao Tse-tung, though in former years he had driven through the parks in a jeep.

Belgian banker freed by Chinese

HONGKONG (AP). — A Belgian banker held by the Chinese Communists in Shanghai since 1950 entered Hongkong yesterday.

Franz Josef van Roosebroeck, 52, of the Belgian Bank in Shanghai, crossed the border at mid-day and was greeted by Belgian banking and consulate officials here, border sources said.

Just married—Israeli expelled from Denmark

COPENHAGEN (INA). — An Israeli citizen was expelled on Friday night from Denmark, four hours after he had married the mother of his five-month old child.

Yehuda Mizrahi, 25, had been living for some time in Denmark, without any apparent means of subsistence. For about one year he did not work and lived with a Danish young woman, Mette Lise Jensen. Five months ago she gave birth to his child.

A few days ago the Danish police arrested Mizrahi, charging he was a vagrant. Although no charges were preferred, INA learns that he is suspected of "having participated in a crime."

When the couple learned that an expulsion order had been signed, they requested the right to marry. A justice of the peace was brought to the police station at Frederiksberg and married them.

Four hours later, Mizrahi was taken to the airport and put on an El Al plane.

Girl jailbirds protest



Six girl prisoners, one wearing a fur coat, laugh and joke as they sit on London's Holloway Prison roof, in protest against transfer of their jail's assistant governor.

LONDON (AP). — Eleven girl prisoners squatted on the roof of London's Holloway Prison on Friday, yelling at "passers-by. They were protesting at the transfer of a "black" assistant governor. Miss Joanna Kosabe-Kosabe treated them like human beings, they shouted. One cried: "She was the only one to give us a fair deal."

They claimed that while the assistant governor was away on leave they had been ill-treated.

The girls said they had been convicted for shoplifting and theft and had been imprisoned in Holloway after misbehaving in Bristol. They protest lasted a total of six hours.

Jogs across U.S. in 54 days

NEW YORK (AP). — John Ball, 44-year-old South African, jogged across the plaza of New York's City Hall on Friday, breaking the transcontinental jogging record by nine days. He made the crossing in 54 days.

Don Shephard, of Johannesburg, jogged across the U.S. in 1968 in 74 days. His record was broken in 1969 by a Briton and again last year by Marvin Swiggart, of the U.S., who set a 63-day record.

Ball said he jogged 2,903 miles (4,672 kms.) from Los Angeles, since leaving there March 5. He added that he would jog another 97 miles (156 kms.) around a New York track to set a 3,000 mile (4,828 kms.) record.

"He was going to run around Central Park to complete the 3,000 miles," said Arnold McGregor, his manager. "But along the way we were warned off by a number of persons who said that it was too dangerous there. They feared he would get mugged."

Final vote in Lebanon today

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Two great political rivals face each other when the Lebanese general election goes into its third and final stage today.

There will be a direct confrontation between former President Camille Chamoun, leader of the right-wing National Liberal Party, and former Interior Minister Kamal Jumblatt, leader of the left-wing Progressive Socialist Party (P.S.P.).

They have both been campaigning vigorously for the votes of the 400,000 men and women eligible to go to the polls in the Mount Lebanon province today to elect the remaining 30 deputies for the 96-member single Chamber of Parliament.

The struggle between the two rivals will be over who gets most candidates on his ticket elected. The outcome will go a long way towards deciding the character of Lebanon's new Parliament.

All-weather road for North Canada

EDMONTON (AP). — Canadian Prime Minister Elliott Trudeau has promised an all-weather highway for Northern Canada.

In a speech on Friday, Trudeau said a year-round road would be built to the Arctic Ocean at a cost of \$70m. to \$100m. The road will stretch 1,684km. from the Northwest Territories-Alberta border to Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic coast.

U.K. publishers sued for 'Jew' definition

LONDON (AP). — A textile merchant, infuriated by a dictionary definition of the word "Jew," started legal action yesterday against the publisher of the respected Oxford dictionaries.

The merchant, Marcus Shloimovitz, 64, said he was filing a suit for defamation, naming the Clarendon Press in Oxford.

Among the definitions he objects to are that a Jew is an "unscrupulous usurer," "a cheat," "a trader who drives hard bargains and deals craftily" and "extortioner."

The Clarendon Press, founded in 1584, refused to discuss the affair. A telephone switchboard girl said: "The secretary has given instructions that nobody is to talk about this and no calls about it are to be put through to anyone."

Mr. Shloimovitz said he was acting through the Chancery Court in Manchester, where he lives, after several years' fruitless correspondence to try to persuade the Clarendon Press to make changes.

Mr. Shloimovitz said he sought an injunction against the Clarendon Press to restrain it from printing "derogatory and wholly deplorable and unwarranted" definitions in its dictionaries. Three dictionaries named in the suit are "The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary," "The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English" and the multi-volume "Oxford English Dictionary," the O.E.D., a standard work on the English language.

One definition in the O.E.D. says of "Jew": "To cheat or over-reach in the way attributed to Jewish traders or usurers. Hence Jewing."

Somalia holds two Danish ships on arms charges

MOGADISHU (Reuters). — Twenty-nine people aboard two Danish ships seized off the north-west coast of Somalia last Monday are to be charged with violating Somalia territorial waters, according to a statement in the government newspaper "Stella d'Ottobre" said.

The statement said they would also be charged with introducing clandestine arms and explosives into the country and claimed the ships carried 256 tons on explosives, bombs and ammunition of various types and calibre.

Thirteen Europeans, 14 Arabs and two Africans were aboard the two vessels, the 300-ton coaster Balder Baur and the 666-ton salvage ship Spinzer the statement added.

A spokesman for the Balder Baur's owners said the vessel was on its way to Djibouti with a cargo on explosives for use in oil exploration. It went aground on a coral reef 21 miles from Djibouti, and a salvage vessel, operating from Aden, went to its aid.

The unveiling of the tombstone of the
Rev. ELIAHU ZEV BARENHOLTZ
of Est Yam (formerly of Toronto, Canada).
will take place on Sunday, April 30, at 4.30 p.m.
at the Har Hamezuzhot cemetery, Helkat Hasidim, Jerusalem.
A bus will leave from 4 Rehov Klausner, Bat Yam, at 3.30 p.m.
The Family

On the first anniversary of the death of our dear
Dr. GUSTAV LOEWENSTEIN
a memorial meeting and the unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Thursday, May 4, 1972, at 4.30 p.m. at the Old Cemetery in Netanya.
All those who cherish the memory of the deceased are invited.
THE FAMILY

The unveiling of the tombstones in loving memory of
REBECCA KOWARSKY
and
ALEXANDER LEOPOLD KOWARSKY
will take place today, April 30, 1972, at 4.00 p.m. at the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery.
THE FAMILY

A memorial meeting for
Dr. ANNA PERLMAN
will be held today, Sunday, April 30, 1972, at 8 p.m. in "Baka" Home for the Aged, 52 Derech Beit Lehem, Jerusalem.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our beloved
ARIELA
the unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Lag B'Omer, Tuesday, May 2, 1972, at 1.30 p.m.
A bus will leave at 1 p.m. from 16 Simat Beit Hashofra inner 98 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv to the Kiryat Shani Cemetery.
At a special memorial meeting for Ariela's young friends on the same day, May 2, 1972, at 5 p.m. a piano recital will be given at the Tel Aviv Museum, in the Hall named after Ariela's grandmother, Moll Kaufmann.
Alice and Benno Gitter, Betsy and Elyan Jedy and Hachak, Grandmother and family

A memorial meeting and the unveiling of the tombstone of my unforgettable wife
SHULAMIT ROSENFELD
nee Ackermann
will take place on Lag B'Omer, Tuesday, May 2, 1972, at 2 p.m. at the Har Hamezuzhot cemetery, Jerusalem.
For the family
Arie Leopold Rosenfeld

The Chairman of the World Organization of Deaf-Mutes, Dr. Dragoljub Vokutic, of Belgrad, visited the ORT school for deaf-mute children in Abu Kabir, Tel Aviv, last week.

Dr. Vokutic stressed the importance of post-elementary education of deaf-mutes in institutions especially established for this purpose.

Dr. Vokutic also visited the new building of the ORT school for deaf-mutes in Yeha Eliahu and expressed his admiration for the equipment, which he stated, was more functional than what he has seen in European schools.

In the picture: Staff members of the Abu Kabir school give explanations to Dr. Vokutic (right) during his visit in one of the classrooms. (Communicated)

Social and Personal

President Shazar marked the opening of International Book Year, sponsored by Unesco, at a ceremony at his new residence on Friday morning. Among those present were the Resident Representative of the U.N. Development Programme, Mr. J.P. B. Ross, and the chairman of the Israel Publishers Association, Mr. Mordechai Bernstein.

Mrs. Rudolf Kirchsclager, wife of the Austrian Foreign Minister, on Friday visited the Wizo Day Creche at Kalamon in Jerusalem. She was accompanied by Mrs. Arno Halusa, wife of the Deputy Secretary-General of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, and by the wife of the Austrian Ambassador, Mrs. Arthur Agstner.

Mr. Melech Ravitch, Yiddish writer and poet, and his wife were guests at a luncheon given in their honour on Friday by the World Union of Jewish Journalists, at Beit Sokolow in Tel Aviv.

The President of Tel Aviv University, Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, has been elected honorary member of the National Academy of Sciences of the U.S.

Rabbi Menahem Forman, former rabbi of Toronto, has been appointed dean of the preparatory school of Midrashat Noam, Kfar Saba.

The Jewish National Fund Detroit Pilgrimage and Study Mission led by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Karp attended a reception on Thursday at the Keren Kayemet Leisrael head office and a tree-planting ceremony at the Kennedy Memorial.

Prof. George Klein, director of the Tumor Biology Institute of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, will give three lectures (tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday) at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Ein Karem, Jerusalem, on immunology and cancer research. The lectures, in memory of the late Rabbi Shal Shackel, of Wayne, New Jersey, are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lautenberg, of New Jersey. Each will start at noon.

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In deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of my beloved
HUSBAND, OUR BROTHER, BROTHER-IN-LAW and UNCLE
PAUL TISCHLER
who died in Scotland on April 13.
MARGRETE TISCHLER,
SCOTLAND
THE TISCHLER, TAL and
FREUND FAMILIES,
ISRAEL
THAN, ANSBACH,
TISCHLER,
SHAPIRO FAMILIES,
U.S.A.

The Bandak family
wishes to thank all who shared our immense sorrow and all who sent condolences and everyone who participated in the funeral of
ELIAS ISSA BANDAK
Mayor of Bethlehem.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our dear husband,
father and grandfather
Comm. Giuseppe (Beppino) Zuckermann Hacohen
a leader in the Italian Textile Industry.
Clara Zuckermann Jacchi, Bologna
Mirella, Jack and Margalit Benzimra, Ramat Gan
Franca, Enrico, Ricky, Franco and Sylvia
De Benedetti, Rome.
Bologna, April 27, 1972.

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On the first anniversary of the passing of our son
LOUIS ARIEL
a memorial service
will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 1972,
at the Hof Hacarmel Cemetery, Haifa.
MAY and PAUL GOLDSCHMIDT

Heykal says Sadat turned down bid by Rumania

BEIRUT (AP). — Mohammed Hassan Heykal, editor of Egypt's "Al-Ahram" newspaper, confirmed Thursday that Rumania had offered to mediate between Egypt and Israel, but said the offer was rejected by President Anwar Sadat.

Heykal said Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu made the offer during a meeting with President Sadat in Cairo.

Ceausescu also made the offer to Algerian President Col. Houari Boumediene, but was told that Algeria doesn't want to have a hand because the issue primarily concerns "the Arabs of the orient" and because the Middle East question in essence belongs to the Palestinian people, according to Heykal.

Heykal, whose writings were considered to reflect official thinking in Cairo until President Sadat said recently they represent only Heykal's, described Premier Golda Meir's forthcoming visit to Rumania as a "dangerous game" designed to end Israel's isolation in the Communist world and cover up its complete polarization with the west. He also noted that Mrs. Meir's visit would come a few days before President Richard Nixon's trip to Moscow.

'Counter force'

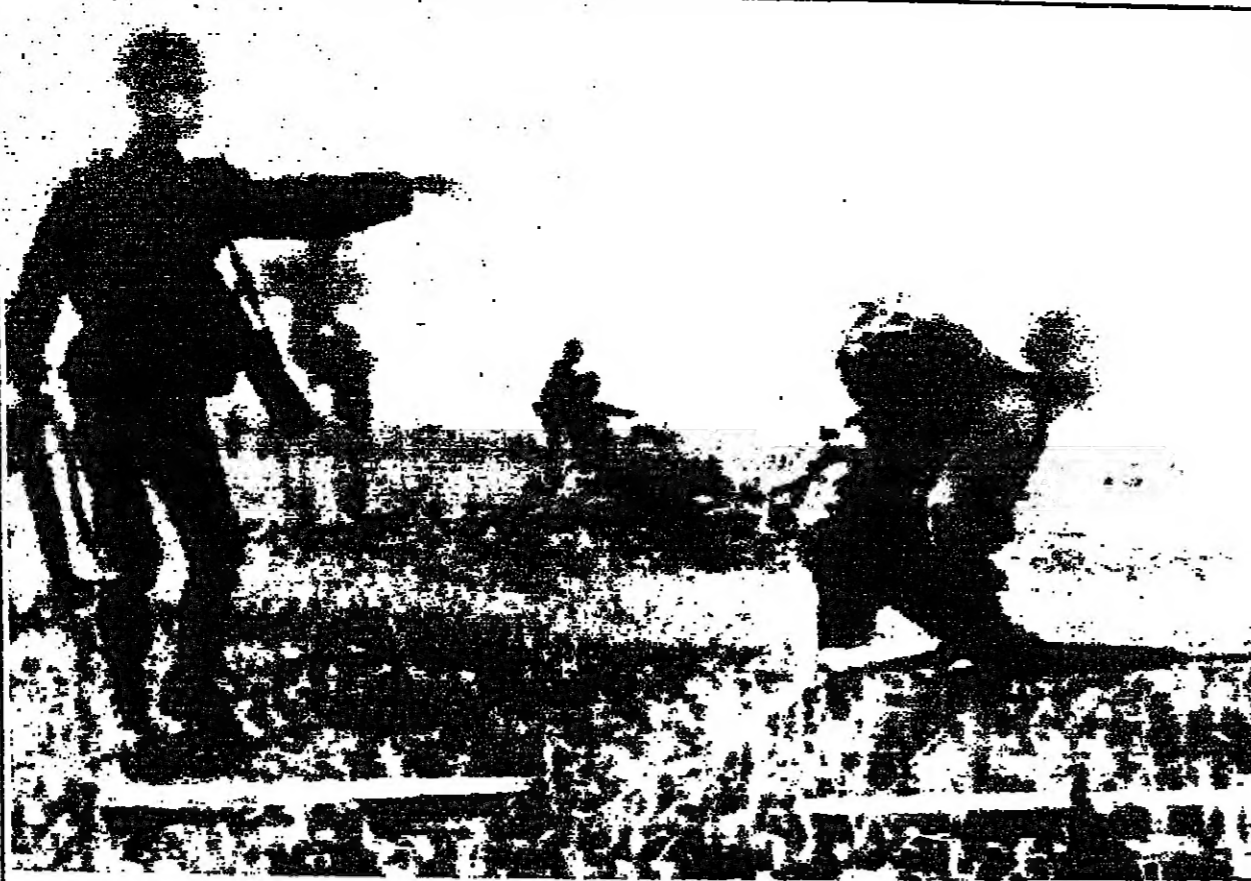
By this, Israel wants to suggest that it is in contact with both sides of the ideological struggle in the world and acquire a "counter force" if the Middle East problem was discussed between the two big powers, Heykal said.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Presidential adviser Mahmoud Riad suggests that China's influence in the world could be used to pressure both the Soviet Union and the U.S. into helping the Arabs find a solution to the Middle East crisis.

"China can only help us morally, and as such can put quite some pressure on the U.S. and Russia," Riad was quoted as saying by "Al-Ahram." Riad, who visited China late last month, said: "They cannot help us militarily because they do not possess the advanced, sophisticated weapons which we are getting from the Soviet Union."

Citing an example, he said "Egypt has the newly-amended Soviet-made Mig-21 and Sukhoi bombers, while they in China don't have them. And China cannot help us economically because their national income is limited."

Riad quoted Premier Chou En-Lai as telling him, "We are sorry we can only help you morally." Riad's remarks were made in a lengthy interview in which he spoke of social, economic and political life in China.



A South Vietnamese officer orders his men forward during a clash with a North Vietnamese unit blocking a road, in a clearing operation on Route 18 north of Saigon Wednesday. The South Vietnamese unit had been in almost daily contact with the enemy as they tried to keep the road open to forward elements at Chon Thanh. (AP)

Hanoi offensive seen continuing until June

WASHINGTON (AP). — Present intelligence estimates here are that the North Vietnamese offensive will continue another three to four weeks. The objective: to gain administrative control of the countryside and of as many people as possible.

Officials making this known Thursday point out that the monsoon weather with its heavy rains will become an important factor by the end of May or early June. The North Vietnamese drive, in its first month of development, has not gone as fast as Hanoi may have hoped and could not be considered an overwhelming success at this point.

The territory over which North Vietnam has gained control so far contains only two per cent of the population, but the 10 North Vietnamese regular army divisions committed to South Vietnam, and the additional two divisions in Laos, are moving and trying to obtain more real estate before the supply lines are choked by torrential rains.

If the "Phase 2" programme fails because of threats to the Communist supply lines, it is expected there will be an easing off in the fighting and a movement towards political negotiations. On the battlefield, there will be a return to a longer plan of attack, rather than the all-out, conventional-style type of warfare now being employed.

According to officials closely studying Hanoi's actions, North Vietnamese leaders appear to be in a wait-and-see attitude, as their strategy unfolds. One of their objectives, it is believed here, is to see if their spring offensive can help bring about the defeat of President Nixon next November.

The aging Hanoi leadership is said to feel impatient, particularly due to some difficulties they are encountering in finding young people with the same revolutionary fervour they have had. It is also believed the Nixon trips to Peking and Moscow have made Hanoi uncomfortable.

The next few weeks could turn out very well from the U.S. standpoint, or backfire badly, depending on how well the South Vietnamese, supported by U.S. air and naval power, can resist the North. There are an estimated 3,000 Communist trucks and an unspecified number of tanks numbering in the hundreds operating in the South. So now the North is bound to highways and fuel supplies to keep its armour effective.

Waldheim, in money trouble, asks for help

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — "Help me," Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim cried Thursday, appealing to 5,000 staffers at U.N. headquarters for support for his economy measures.

In his first get-together with all his staff since taking office Jan. 1, the Austrian-born chief executive complained he was "between the millstones."

"I have member states who say we are spending too much money," Waldheim said. "On the other hand, the staff here and all over the world are saying this criticism isn't true."

Waldheim, who imposed a six-month hiring freeze and other economies in January, denied there are plans to freeze promotions.

But he pledged that before a staff salary review committee set up by the General Assembly makes its final report in July, staff representatives will be consulted. "The salary structure should be such as to attract persons of the highest standards of efficiency and integrity," Waldheim said.

Readers' letters

OMMARIYA OUTRAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read, with amusement, the letter written by A. Reiss, L. Goldberg et al. of New York protesting the intensive development scheduled for the Ommariya site (April 21). These prospective immigrants have purchased apartments in the almost-completed Ommariya tower that now stands as a permanent epitaph to the bankrupt ethics of the speculator-developers who conceived it and the civic administrators who permitted it. To those Americans whose view of the Old City walls will be obstructed by new, high-rise buildings to be constructed under the auspices of our own Ministry of Housing, I offer my sincere condolences. To the 300,000 citizens of Jerusalem who have had to endure the sight of this building impinging on almost any view to or from the Old City... well, what can I say, while we can forgive the Americans for the insensitivity of their outrage, there can be no excuse

for the short-sightedness and downright audacity of the Ministry, the speculator-developers and the compliant politicians involved, in proposing high density development for this very sensitive area adjacent to the Old City. But there is more. If the New Yorkers think that neighbouring high buildings will depreciate the value of their investment, wait till they find out what the 50-metre wide highway planned through their front yard does to it. And to Jerusalemites who will soon have the privilege of roaring straight up to Jaffa Gate on this road and parking in 1,000-car garage to be built in the shadow of David's Tower, I emphatically urge you to find out what has been proposed for this city in terms of inter-urban and arterial roads. Your investment in this city by way of residency should not be permitted to be depreciated environmentally because of a lack of knowledge of what has been planned. Write a letter to Teddy Kollek demanding, as a tax payer and as a voter, to know what is on the drawing boards of the planners responsible for shaping the future form of this city. And for an example of what can happen to natural landscape when excessive road construction is imposed on the difficult topography of Jerusalem, take a glance at the scarred southern exposure of Mount Scopus. RALPH SEGAL Jerusalem, April 21.

A MANAGER FOR MR. KALIR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — With regard to the majority report on the Netivei Neft affair, one should ask whether Mr. Avraham Kalir, owner of one of the country's largest textile plants, could retain a manager in his firm with the same kind of doubt cast against his integrity as in M. Friedman's case. ZVI YETIV Jerusalem, April 25.

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We wish to refer to your item about the Ramat Hagolan settlements (April 23) and point out that the budget needs of all settlements beyond the Green Line, including those of Ramat Hagolan, are provided jointly by the Government and the World Zionist Organization, and not the Jewish Agency.

I. EIGES, Director Settlement Department, World Zionist Organization, Tel Aviv, April 24.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Your Snapiro story (April 21) was a good one. However, may I point out that the 420 is not called a "Flying Dutchman" (this is another boat). Moreover you call the 420 and the new hydrofoil "Flying Sabra." Which is which? H. SOLOMON Haifa, April 22.

George Leonof replies: The reference to the "Flying Dutchman" is indeed a mistaken one. The "Flying Sabra" refers to the hydrofoil.

PERSONAL OPINION

What does May Day mean in Israel today? Misha Louvish finds that there is still something to celebrate and something to demonstrate against.



MAY DAY MUSINGS OF AN UNREPENTANT SOCIALIST

THERE'S no doubt about it: May Day is out of fashion in Israel. The slogan of "working-class solidarity" is somewhat fly-blown, like the gold-embroidered crimson banners that used to be taken out of moth-balls once a year and borne by the marchers through the streets.

Where is the solidarity between the striking worker and the cabinet minister or government official who is, in effect, his employer, or the trade union boss who tries to restrain him in the sacred name of the contract he has signed on the worker's behalf?

How can the workers unite in protest against an establishment dominated by their own representatives? And if they are not protesting, what are they demonstrating for? A continuation of the "labour hegemony" that they have already won, and which is far from justifying all their hopes?

And where is the international solidarity of labour, which was the other half of the May Day ideal? "The world is all against us!" cried last year's popular song, and the cheerfully defiant addendum: "Never mind! We'll get through!" is not precisely in the May Day spirit.

How can we celebrate on the same day under the same flag as the Soviet tyrants who will not let our people go? Have we Jews not felt, as common to all of us? Why should we join in this pagan carnival, which only divides the nation?

of villages and outlying towns. The labour economy faces complex problems, but it has made a major contribution to the development of industry, transport, marketing and — above all — agriculture. It is worth while devoting some reflection to these functions before accepting the fashionable assumption that most of them can be taken over by the State: that labour laws can take the place of negotiated labour contracts, that a State medical service will automatically do away with all our discontents, that private or governmental enterprise will necessarily be more efficient than Egged, Solel Boneh, Koor and Thauva.

SELF-CRITICISM

May Day might well be an occasion for considering whether it is possible to spread the decision-making more widely in all these spheres: to have a neighbourhood committee attached to every Kupat Holim clinic; to give the staff committee more responsibility and influence in management and wage negotiations; to have the Histadrut's governing bodies directly elected by the workers in each factory and office, instead of being nominated by the party apparatus.

Labour Day should be celebrated, not in a mood of complacency and unthinking defence of the status quo, but in a spirit of searching self-criticism. What is wrong with Israeli Socialism is not that it is Socialism, but that it is not Socialism enough, not democratic enough.

Neither the Government nor the Knesset will reform the Histadrut and the multifarious activities it will continue to carry out; that can only be done by its members, if they will make a determined effort to tackle the job.

And the labour movement also has an urgent and specific function to carry out in Israel in the field of international solidarity. We are responsible for our relations with almost a million and a half members of another nation. In our attitude to the Arabs under our rule, are the workers of Israel entirely free from that chauvinism which sees only our own interests, which is

ready to ignore their rights if only their future is safeguarded? This is not only a matter of major political policy, in which, as the dominant force in the Government, Labour has the responsibility of seeing that principles shall have at least equal weight with expediency, it is also a matter of daily action, as when Beduin are removed from the lands they occupy in the interests of our defence.

Surely there is something wrong when labour leaders deny the rights of a million Arabs to their national identity, even if, for the sake of our own security, we feel compelled for the present, to deny them national self-determination. These, of course, are problems that need constant attention all the year round, and they are not confined to labour alone, but labour must carry a major share of the responsibility for their solution. No national interest is injured if the labour movement devotes one day a year to marking its achievements and considering how much still has to be done to translate its ideals and principles into reality.

Church rebels set up 'priest lib' movement

VATICAN CITY (AP). — A group of 210 priests and laymen announced Thursday they have set up a "priest liberation" movement to organize protest and rebellion against bishops and the Pope.

Their announcement came as the Vatican daily newspaper denounced similar groups as Church "guerrillas." It said they got a boost from a defiant "manifesto" 23 well-known Roman Catholic theologians issued last month.

Church rebels met in Rome just before last and debated Italy's religious and social problems for three days behind closed doors. Attending were 265 priests and 42 laymen from all over the country.

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CALIFORNIA LESSONS FOR ISRAEL SCHOOLS

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — AMERICAN educator Dr. Donald E. Wilson, finds many points of similarity between the educational problems of Israel and his home state of California. They range from the rapid population growth, the heterogeneous composition of the student body, culturally disadvantaged youth and the need to bring curricula up to date to the militancy of teachers. Southern California had a six-week-long teachers strike at about the same time as Israel had its six-week strike last year. In both cases the teachers demanded higher pay and in both cases most of their demands had to be met.



Dr. Donald Wilson

Dr. Wilson is prominent in the field of teacher training and currently serves as Professor of Education and Director of Teacher Education at the University of Southern California. He is visiting here at the invitation of the U.S. Information Service and Israel is for him the first stop on a six-week tour which will take him to Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Afghanistan.

Population influx

The most striking similarity between Israel and Southern California, according to Dr. Wilson, is the "terrible influx of people into both areas. With the population exploding and the school system bursting at the seams, we have had to build a new school a month. Every 1,000 children meant a new school. This was the situation for most of the past 20 years. It is only in the last year, that the population growth has abated and even shows signs of receding."

He explained that with the number of schools growing every few weeks, the southern part of the state had also suffered a severe teacher shortage. "It is only very recently that the number of available job openings for teachers had begun to fall below the supply of teachers, giving us the advantage of being able to choose those better qualified. In this respect we are a bit ahead of Israel, where in some areas the problem of recruiting the better qualified teachers still exists."

California also has a heterogeneous school population, from the sometimes *de facto* segregated blacks, Mexican-Americans and the transient children of migrant farm workers. In California as well as in Israel some children reach school well-motivated, while others are already culturally-disadvantaged before they reach the classroom. Dr. Wilson brings with him three examples of how to deal with such complex problems, which should prove highly interesting for Israeli educators.

Community work

The first involves the Urban Teacher Corps Programme for supplying inner city areas, such as the Watts ghetto in Los Angeles, with a new type of teacher. This teacher is usually recruited from the neighborhood itself. "We assume that someone who grew up in a certain environment and knows and understands it, would be able to work better and relate more closely to the children," he says. "These teachers spend only half their working time in the classroom and the other half is spent in the community. The teacher does not know the child merely during school hours and the child as well as his family and social surroundings benefit outside of the classroom as well. The teacher engages in various aspects of community work, such as adult education, nursery school, meetings with

parents and working in various social agencies. Thus education is not limited to school work."

A second programme involves the Migrant Teacher Corps and is based on the same underlying philosophy that children should not all be moulded in the same pattern. Says Dr. Wilson "those nice middle-class kids, Dick and Jane, who populate our text books and whose father comes home from the office every night in his nice new car, are not meaningful to everyone. We should see that what we teach is relevant to the needs of the children. If we don't we will have children who will remain unmotivated, will not catch up and will be left behind."

Language training

This is a line of thinking which Dr. Wilson wholeheartedly recommends to Israeli educators. With this in mind Dr. Wilson selected Spanish-speaking teachers for the migrant children, most of whom are Mexican-American. Those who were not as fluent as needed in Spanish were given high intensity language training and were even sent to Mexico to soak up the tongue.

The last programme is the Ca-

reer Opportunity Programme in which some 100 high-school drop-outs, are trained to become teachers. They are sent to a local community college and then to university, while all during that time they also familiarize themselves with work in the classroom.

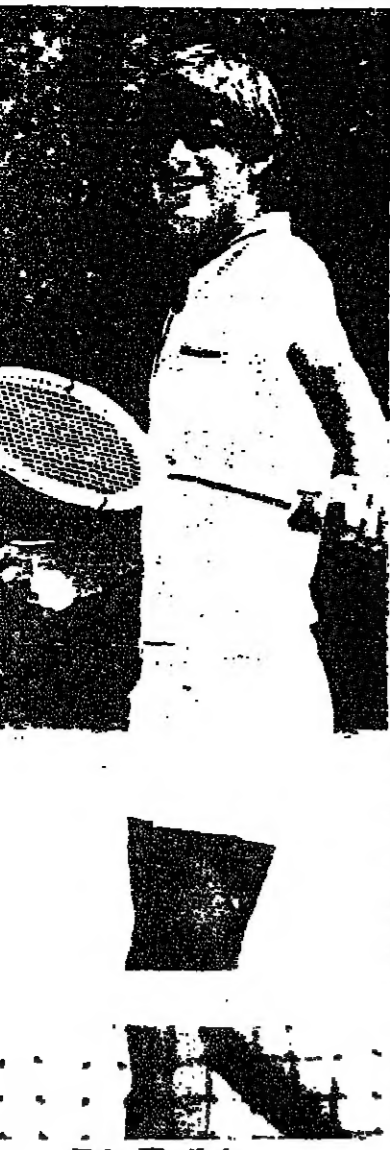
Dr. Wilson has also instituted some innovations in teacher training methods. "We have broken with the tradition where a professor lectures to a class of 150 students and switched to a more clinical form of instruction. We have tried to make our programmes more realistic and are using our public schools as laboratories for professional courses." Dr. Wilson noted, "Instead of just reading about sociology or psychology of education and child improvement, we have supplemented actual field experiments, tied theory into reality and brought them into the cultural and social environment of the community."

Video tape

Dr. Wilson explains that "the emphasis now is to improve supervising teacher techniques. For example, a video tape recorder records a student teacher at work. She does not have to wait for about an hour until everyone else is finished before her instructor comments about her performance. By that time the instructor doesn't remember it all too well anyway. Instead, she can play the tape back, watch herself at work and be her own critic on the lessons she has just taught."

Another aspect is emphasis that "teaching should not be merely regarded as an art, but as a science," he says. "We are emphasizing performance criteria accountability more and more. What we are saying is: How do we know that this is a really good teacher? So not only is the emphasis on the competency of the teacher, but we are asking this question: Are we helping the pupil reach his goal?"

In Israel Dr. Wilson has had a busy schedule of meeting with colleagues and seeing various types of schools and teacher training institutions.



Yair Wertheimer

Junior tennis champion to tour Europe

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

ISRAEL's junior tennis champion Yair Wertheimer is leaving for London for four months of continuous tournament play in Britain and France and elsewhere in Europe. This will be by far the most extensive overseas tour ever undertaken by an Israeli tennis player.

Wertheimer, who was 17 last month, made a fairy-tale debut for Israel against Iran a week ago, when he won the doubles in partnership with Yosef Stahholz (Israel lost the tie 1-4). He is the youngest player to date to have represented Israel in her 23 years of Davis Cup competition.

Wertheimer's tour programme was organized by the Israel Lawn Tennis Association. In many of the 15 or so meets on both hard and grass courts in which he is to participate, he will play in both the main tournament and the under-21 event run in conjunction with it.

Included in his itinerary are Europe's two major junior tennis championships: at Wimbledon, London, in July, and Roland Garros, Paris, in May. In addition, Wertheimer is hoping to be accepted for the qualifying tournament of the main Wimbledon Championships, the world's most important tennis tournament.

Wertheimer has taken a year off school in order to concentrate on tennis, and in February he returned from 10 weeks of successful tournament competition and training in America and the Caribbean.

I.L.T.A. chairman Avram Feiger told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Wertheimer's extensive trip is in line with the Association's new policy of giving the country's top juniors every facility to progress quickly, with a view to including the best of them in the Israeli Davis Cup team as soon as possible.

Sounds of the stratosphere



The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra; Mendi Rodan, conductor; Duo Weiss, viola and piano (EMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem—premiere: April 23); Leon Shidlowsky: "Visions" (premiere); Haydn: Double Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Orchestra; Beethoven: Symphony No. 7.

SIX minutes of stratospheric sounds, some 10 minutes of shifting the piano into place on the stage, close to 20 minutes of early Haydn, and the audience in the Auditorium got its intermission (the radio listeners at home heard the Duo Weiss in William Walton's Sonata which was received here on Friday).

Leon Shidlowsky's newest work has the same character as other compositions of his I have heard: no musical material in the traditional sense, eerie noises produced by strings, the unavoidable *ghé-sé-son* (what did composers use before air-raid sirens were invented?), changing cloud formations, sparring lights to light up a world in creation (or in destruction?), music background for science fiction or interstellar flights, but hardly for the

concert hall (or a broadcast of symphonic music).

Haydn's Double Concerto is a very naive and simple affair (circa 1765), and it is much to the credit of the soloists that they filled the unsophisticated music with pleasurable content. Their technical skill does not only express itself in even and pearly runs but in the application of finely shaded dynamics and completely formed phrases. Sidney and Jeanne Weiss gained highly deserved appreciation of their musicianship and unostentatious though completely devoted stage appearance.

Mendi Rodan conducted a compact and hard-driven reading of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony which occasionally lacked grace and relaxation in the earlier movements and bacchanal exuberance in the finale (Wagner called it "the apotheosis of dance"). But on the whole it was quite an impressive display or orchestral proficiency.

YOCHANAN BOHRM

THE HAIFA Music Museum has sent its exhibition, "Music in Ancient Israel," on a European tour, starting in Athens. It will be shown in Zurich, Bern, London, Stockholm, Goeteborg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Amsterdam and The Hague.

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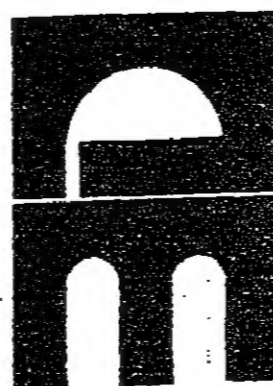
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No cure seen for hospital ills

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IN his report on the Ministry of Health, the State Comptroller paints a very sombre picture of overcrowded hospital wards and inadequate handling of development plans designed to provide the number of hospital beds required by a modern Western society.

The figures he gives show an appallingly low proportion of beds. The national average is 3.24 per 1,000 persons. It is better in Jerusalem, where the average is 4.77, but in Tel Aviv it is as low as 2.67.

To make matters worse, the average stay in the hospital is getting progressively longer, mainly due to the ageing of the population. Thus, during the last decade, the average climbed to 105 per cent. In maternity hospitals, the situation is still worse, with 153 per cent occupancy at Tel Hashomer, 126 per cent in Petah Tikva and 150.5 in Jerusalem's Sha'arei Zedek.

For the patient, the Comptroller says, in the most strongly-worded paragraph in his report, this means "lack of privacy when it is most needed. Other patients cannot avoid witnessing horrible scenes. The patient who needs rest is only agitated. Chances of contagion increase, particularly in the laboratories, decrease.

Medical standards also drop and relations between patients and the medical staff suffer. For all of us, this has a damaging effect and

creates a warped image of what a properly-run hospital in our day and age should be like."

Nor are there any bright hopes for speedy improvement, as the Comptroller sees things. The average time it takes to build a hospital is now between eight and 10 years. Despite the fact there recently seems to be a speed-up in the construction of hospitals, it will still take many years until they are completed. Meantime, the population continues to grow.

The Ministry appointed Hospitals Authority neglected many of the matters with which it had been entrusted. Decisions on policy which should have been made by the Authority were reached instead by the Ministry. One result has been an apparent tendency towards enlarging existing institutions rather than building new ones.

There were considerable delays in the implementation of development plans, in part due to the freeze in public construction. A case in point is the projected expansion of the Herta and Paul Amiria Hospital in Hadera. Implementation of plans drafted in 1966 was begun only in 1970, by which time they were already obsolete. New plans became necessary and the Comptroller now estimates that, even if there are no further hitches, construction will still not be completed before 1977.

No coordination

The State Comptroller also takes the Ministry to task for having failed to coordinate financial arrangements with the Ministry of Labour's Public Works Department. In many cases, building estimates were drawn up by Ministry personnel without consulting the P.W.D. Actual costs proved to be higher than envisaged, and the extra money was appropriated without regard for existing budgets — a practice which the Treasury also rebuked. Often, the Ministry planner had no idea of the situation on the construction site, and only when the P.W.D. bills were handed in, did they realize that the original building plans had been amended. By that time it was usually too late to ascertain why and on what authority the changes were made.

(In its comment on the report, the Ministry says that it is studying methods of correcting these shortcomings.)

The Comptroller also finds that the purchase of equipment for hospitals is often left in the hands of non-professional administrative personnel and that there are not set standards for medical equipment. In addition, equipment is sometimes ordered before a building or a ward is completed and at other times much too late. (The Ministry says that it is setting up a special unit to deal with equipment purchasing.)

BY the end of 1971, a full four years after it was agreed that Tel Aviv's and Haifa's city hospitals were to become joint municipal government institutions, their legal status had not in fact been determined, and the agreements between the cities and the Ministry on their joint operation remain unsigned, the Comptroller reports. This, after the

Government had already paid the cities considerable sums for half ownership of property and for half the development costs, and after it had started covering the full cost of the day-to-day running of the institutions.

Despite all this, the Government does not in fact have any control over the way its funds are utilized, while the municipalities and the hospitals themselves are spending large sums of money while their authorities in the matter is unclear.

On the professional side, the Ministry is still not running the hospitals. The Health Services Unit of the Ministry, whose task it is to instruct and supervise work at government hospitals, does not deal with the municipal-government hospitals at all. As the Comptroller sees it, the fact that the Ministry has representatives on the hospital boards, which rarely meet, anyway — does not constitute active participation in running the hospitals, and this is especially apparent in the planning of hospital development work.

(The Ministry's reply to these charges is that it will seek to correct the shortcomings, that the Health Services are going to begin supervising Haifa and Tel Aviv hospitals, and that hospital boards have been asked to invite Ministry representatives to meetings of the tender committees.)

THE State Comptroller's findings show that the Health Ministry has not been satisfactorily discharging its duty of safeguarding public health by preventing industrial pollution. Industrial plants, including some very large ones, are located near residential districts, where they pollute the air and emit unpleasant odours. The Comptroller concedes that "it is hard to change such a situation today without appropriating large funds to move the plants elsewhere or to equip or install equipment to decrease pollution."

The situation has evolved, he says, because of "inadequate attention to these problems during the planning and construction phases. Another contributory factor has been the lack of standards which would make it compulsory to seek locations for factories that are safely removed from residential areas. He notes that the idea of drawing up such standards has been under discussion for the past 10 years.

The Ministry is also rebuked for inadequate supervision of potential pollution sources and for inadequate steps to locate them. The Comptroller points out that trained manpower and equipment are generally insufficient, especially in the employ of the local authorities.

The Comptroller feels that in order to ensure that, in future, factories are put up with the maximum consideration for public health, the Ministry had better take "suitable measures to define the maximum framework of its duties and existing authority, and by increasing coordination with other Government Ministries, especially the Ministry of Interior, and with the local authorities. Country-wide and regional plans for the location of industrial zones ought to be drawn up. Professional manpower must be

trained to combat pollution and proper equipment must be employed. There ought to be more surveys on the quality of the environment and a tougher policy should be adopted towards those industrial plants which are found remiss in preventing pollution."

THE Comptroller finds the administrative management of medical supplies lacking, with shortcomings in record-keeping, purchase and maintenance. Improvements are called for even in the preparation of medical supplies for a time of emergency. At 1970 prices, it would cost 11.2m. merely to bring hospital emergency stocks up to standard. Furthermore, emergency supplies of medicines and bandages are stored in a number of places which would hamper distribution efforts in time of need.

THE Comptroller uncovered a great many cases in which employees of food processing plants did not undergo the necessary X-ray examination. "We ought not to reconcile ourselves to a gap between the regulations and the way in which they are implemented," he says.

IN 1964, the Knesset Public Services Committee asked the Ministry to conduct a study into the high drop-out rate in the nursing profession. It has still not been started, the Comptroller reports. He adds that the Ministry does not possess data on nursing staffs and the extent of their training, data on which it would be able to base training plans.

THE Comptroller "views with great seriousness" the fact that shortcomings, pointed out by the Knesset Finance Committee two and a half years ago in regard to financial aid given to hospitals and sick funds, had still not been corrected. As he sees it, "It is imperative that the Ministries of Health and Finance undertake joint action to determine a system of calculations to regulate the granting of financial aid. Among the shortcomings is the fact that there is no standard method which would clearly reflect the factors taken into account and the relative weight accorded them in giving financial support to sick funds."

Third in a series of reports on the annual review of Government administration.

TRANSPORT

Ministry ignores own laws

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE Ministry of Transport has ignored its own laws with regard to the maximum loaded weight of trucks permitted on our roads. Not only has the Ministry permitted the import of trucks which exceed the standards laid down by law, but it has even permitted the assembly of such trucks in Israel.

In a scathing denunciation of this deliberate negligence, the State Comptroller points out that, despite the fact that he has raised this issue time and again, the Ministry has taken no effective steps to correct the situation over the past decade.

In February this year, the Ministry of Transport informed the State Comptroller that it had been decided to ask the trucking companies to discuss the subject with the Ministry, and to reach decisions by the end of that month. The Minister said that, if by the end of the month no decisions had been reached, they would introduce the European norm of a maximum loaded weight of 12 tons per truck unit from April. This is one ton more than the present legal limit, but considerably less than the real weight of many of the loaded trucks using our roads.

The Comptroller notes that one of the reasons the Ministry has tried to take action is because they think that overloaded trucks cause accidents. While the report notes that there is no way of measuring the extent to which overloading is responsible...

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OPEN LETTER

on the occasion of the visit of Austrian Foreign Minister, Mr. Rudolf Kirchschlager.

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Some nine years ago, Franz Maurer, former Gauleiter of occupied Vilna, who was directly responsible for the murder of 100,000 of our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, the martyrs and heroes of Ponary, was acquitted.

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Our protest demonstrations in Israel and abroad, our delegations to the Austrian Ambassador in Tel Aviv and to the Minister of Justice in Vienna demanding that another trial be held to judge this criminal who, during four years, was in charge of the destruction of our communities, have all been in vain. Until this very day Franz Maurer lives in comfort and security on his estate, guarded by former S.S. men.

Only a few days ago two Austrian architects, designers of the dreadful Auschwitz camp where four million people, Jews and non-Jews, were tortured and barbarously murdered, were acquitted — again by an Austrian jury.

More than 25 years after the liberation of Europe from the yoke of the Third Reich, Nazis are still on juries in "the other Austria," and exonerate the perpetrators of the terrible scientific genocide, of six million of our brethren, or "punish" them with light sentences.

We demand that the Austrian Government establish special courts to judge these criminals!

We also apply — over the heads of parliamentarians and their endless discussions of this painful subject — to Foreign Minister Abba Eban, host of his Austrian colleague, to our Ambassadors in Vienna, Bonn, The Hague, La Paz, and in other places where war criminals are still at large, and to Minister of Justice Y. S. Shapiro. We urge them to give preference in all their discussions, visits and diplomatic contacts, to our demand to punish the war criminals (punishment meaning life sentence only, since capital punishment has been abolished in both Germany and Austria) and to send official Israeli observers to the trials.

We demand that the Ministers of Education and Interior cease all cultural relations, including excursions and study grants, with Austria and Germany, until a drastic change takes place in the attitude of the judiciary of these countries!

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CHAOS FOUND IN SOCIAL WELFARE

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A PICTURE of such chaos emerges from the State Comptroller's report, that the Ministry for Social Welfare functions at all. He also begins to wonder about the fate of some of the adults and children, who are the direct or indirect responsibility of the Ministry — those for instance in non-government institutions.

The Ministry's services are generally described as overlapping, disorganized and uncoordinated. The rotation of senior workers which started in 1969, for example, meant that seven service directors changed jobs. The moves created "chaos and opposition from the workers themselves," both of which factors militated against the success of the rotation system.

The Ministry is also criticized for non-coordination with the Ministry of Education, "though there are many common areas of activity."

There were changes in the regulations about welfare payments as far back as 1962, but these and subsequent revisions have not yet been brought to the attention of local welfare offices. One regulation dating from 1966 stipulates that children who are removed from their families and placed in boarding schools or other institutions must only be transferred with the approval of the regional inspector. Local workers have still not received any written instructions about this, the report says.

Budget cuts

Deductions in the Ministry's budget go against its public policy, the report charges. For example, there were cuts recently in rehabilitation services and services for the blind, which conflict with the Ministry's stated policy.

The Ministry of Welfare is organized on a decentralized basis, and this requires firm supervision and a clear-cut general policy, which does not exist. The duties of the supervisor are not well-defined, and there is hardly any reporting and accounting. In fact, the only place in the country where supervisors make out reports is Tel Aviv.

There is almost no inspection of non-government institutions under the supervision of the Ministry of Welfare. In a sample taken by the State Comptroller, 70 institutions of this type in Tel Aviv and Haifa had only been visited once or twice in two years. One of these institutions was granted a two-month temporary permit in 1965, but is still operating, though it was established in 1968 that conditions there were dangerous for the inmates.

The Comptroller recommends that appeals committees should be set up to deal with complaints. In an investigation of 116 offices, some of them in highly populated areas, it was found that there were no records of any such appeals. Sometimes members of the public complain to the Prime Minister's Office, and these letters are forwarded to the appropriate welfare office for comment. But they are sometimes sat on for long periods. One woman supervisor, the report notes, kept a file of complaints for two years without answering any of them.

LABOUR MINISTRY NO CRITERIA FOR ROAD BUILDING

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE State Comptroller's team studied four aspects of the operations of the Labour Ministry: Technical training, employment offices, the employment of residents of the administered areas in Israel, and the Public Works Department. In all cases the report points up shortcomings of an administrative rather than an operative nature.

The Comptroller has a number of complaints regarding the absence of clear criteria regarding which road laying projects the Public Works Department should carry out. He notes that while there is a Supreme Committee for Roads, with representatives of virtually every public body and Government Ministry concerned, this Committee has no fixed standards for deciding on the priorities of projects. After this Committee approves the plans brought to it by the P.W.D., they are generally altered because of budgetary cuts, which means that only some of the projects can in fact be realized. Therefore it is necessary to fix an order of preference so that those considered as important by the Committee are carried out first.

The Comptroller also notes that after a five year gestation period, the P.W.D. produced a master plan for road development for the coming 15 years. This plan was presented to the Government last year, but has still not been approved.

Roads destroyed

Our roads are being destroyed by overweight trucks, and despite numerous appeals by the P.W.D. to the Transport Ministry, nothing has been done to stop the use of overweight trucks, the Comptroller notes.

The P.W.D. builds roads according to the specifications which take into account the maximum weight of the loaded trucks which may be driven on them according to law. However, as this law is ignored, and as no efforts are made to enforce it, the P.W.D. may have to consider changing the standards for the materials and quantities used in constructing the roads, something which will entail heavy additional expenses. (See report on the Transport Ministry.)

Workers from the administered areas earned IL\$7m. in Israel in 1970-71 and left almost IL\$30m. of it here in the form of income tax, and other deductions for social security contributions. The Comptroller notes that the deduction of income tax was not always made in strict accordance with the regulations and he calls upon the Employment Service to be stricter in this regard, especially pointing out the need to take care not to deduct too much from the workers.

The report is also critical of the way in which the Ministry arranged the transport of the areas' workers from their homes to their places of employment in Israel. (This practice has now been stopped, the Ministry notes in its reply to the report.)

Another part of the operations of the Employment Service which the Comptroller checked was its control over the direction of work seekers to places of employment.

In the first six months of last year, the overemployment in the economy meant that the Service was unable to find candidates for close to 40,000 job openings, over half of them for skilled workers.

In order to make better use of the meagre resources at its disposal, the administration of the Service decided to set up a central clearing house for job openings and job-seekers all over the country. Parallel to this the employment offices around the country were supposed to report daily on job seekers to the central office. They were provided with telex machines for this purpose, and these machines were also intended to serve to preserve a record of their activity.

In practice, the system fell down due to the failure of the branch offices to use the telex or even to contact the head office. In most cases they simply phoned another office and asked them if they had a job for a person with the specified qualifications.

In its response the Ministry said that it intends to tighten control of this programme to ensure its greater success.

Social workers

The Ministry's role in the training of social workers is also criticized. Although the Ministry is very short of manpower, the report points out, it has no plan for increasing the number of social workers. The Ministry's institute for training social workers is also criticized. There is no systematic follow-up of grants and scholarships, and although a major part of the training is practical work, instructors do not supervise or accompany students in the field. Until 1971, there were no plans for in-service training of social workers for more than a year ahead.

The Ministry of Welfare is rather weak in its replies. It says it is aware of the lack of coordination between departments, and has recently introduced measures to overcome this. The rotation of senior workers, however, is defended as an important step, inevitably causing some dislocation. The Ministry agrees that there is no co-ordination with the Ministry of Education, and will try to rectify the situation. Similarly, it promises that the publication of regulations will be brought up to date. It also promised that the supervision of non-government institutions will be improved, and that more appeals courts will be set up.

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possible for accidents, there is no doubt that it is a factor. (See also the Comptroller's report on the Labour Ministry.)

EFFORTS were made in some departments of the Civil Aviation Department to improve standards, but the overall picture is far from encouraging, the Comptroller reports. The supervision of the aviation companies, their maintenance teams and their aircraft is inadequate.

The Comptroller notes that he pointed out these deficiencies six years ago, and that the Knesset Finance Committee stressed the importance of correcting them.

The matter has become far more important with the considerable development in inland aviation over the past five years. As an example, the Comptroller noted that the number of accidents rose 48 per cent between 1968 and 1970, and that in 1971 the rise was 52 per cent. In its reply, the Ministry says that these figures merely reflect the fact that the companies are now required by law to report every accident or incident which occurs.

IN his follow-up report, the Comptroller notes that he pointed out, two years ago, that the bus companies do not provide a service which meets the needs of the population, either as far as frequency is concerned, or from the point of view of cleanliness of the vehicles. There has been no real improvement in this situation, he found. The Ministry admits the need for a proper study of the frequencies with which buses should run, but says it has not the budget for such a major undertaking.

FOREIGN MINISTRY Inefficiency harms information drive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ADMINISTRATIVE and financial shortcomings, which hampered the efficient operation of the Foreign Ministry's Information Division, are reviewed in the State Comptroller's report. The Comptroller also found that the Ministry had not implemented measures in manpower management called for in his previous report.

The Comptroller's findings refer to unauthorized orders for goods and services, and incorrect purchasing procedures. In its reply, the Ministry claims that these failings have been rectified, with the appointment of a central acquisitions committee; but it does not explain why the division ignored Government regulations in these spheres, before the appointment of the committee in February, 1971.

The Comptroller discusses the case of a tender issued in March, 1971, for the establishment and operation of a documentation and distribution service, which cost IL1.5m.

One applicant was given preferential treatment, and won much of the work. Several of the applicants omitted to attach financial guarantees to their tenders, but only one of them was disqualified for this reason.

Violation

In the agreement signed with the winner of the tender, the Ministry undertook to give him various jobs, apart from the documentation and distribution service. This is a violation of a ruling by the central acquisitions committee, the Comptroller states.

The Comptroller gives a detailed survey of the administrative faults in the production of the Ministry's quarterly periodical, "Ariel." The publication of the periodical in 1970 was given to a private company without a tender being issued, and no contract was signed, which involved the Ministry in superfluous expenses. Criticism is also levelled at the fact that, despite previous recommendations by the Comptroller, orders for films are given to production companies by senior Information Division officials without any record being kept of the considerations leading to the choice of company. The Comptroller has in the past urged that this selection be done by an inter-Ministerial committee, to ensure that the decision is based entirely on purely objective considerations.

The recording and storage procedures of the Division also come in for criticism. At the time of the report there was no list of films, records, printers' and engravers' records, slides or photographs.

The report draws attention to the fact that, while the Ministry's Department of Cultural and Scientific Relations did not use its entire budget, the Ministry books show that it did. This is explained by the transfer of deficits in other Ministry departments to the section's budget.

No check

This department did not check the accounts submitted by diplomatic missions abroad, to see whether the amounts allocated for cultural activities had actually been spent for this purpose, the Comptroller finds.

Another fault was the failure to keep records of the books supplied by the department to universities and libraries abroad. This means that there is no way of knowing what further activities of this nature are required.

Turning to his follow-up on the implementation of his previous recommendations, the Comptroller finds that there has been no improvement in aspects of manpower management which he criticized in his last report.

The trainee system in the Ministry is based on the rotation of trainees between the various departments. But in 1971, of the 12 trainees who had served between one and two years, eight had been in only one department and four in only two.



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NEW INTERESTS FOR THE AGED



Costumed for the occasion, some of the Jaffa centre members practice their newly-learned steps.

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Will you still need me — will you still feed me — when I'm 64?"

The young audience which enjoyed that "Bentley" hit of several years ago shrugged off the question lightly. But those who are already 64 and approaching retirement — or those long on pension — often feel our youth-oriented society no longer needs them. Loneliness, aggravated by idleness, loss of close friends and strained family relations, lead many to decide (as one elderly lady put it) "that I had nothing to do but wait to die."

As with most social problems, there is no easy solution. However, one extremely interesting and successful project of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality's Social Welfare Department offers over 1,200 elderly people the chance to be active and to feel useful.

When I was invited to visit one of these six special clubs for the aged, I hesitated. But these clubs, I was assured, were different from the ordinary clubs for the aged; they are, in fact, run by the members themselves (all over 65) with the help of one paid coordinator. (The women who coordinate the clubs are all in their 30s.)

Youngest and oldest

I visited the two largest clubs (considered community centres) which also happen to be the youngest and oldest. The centre on Rehov Reines in north-central Tel Aviv is six months old; the one on Rehov Yefet in Jaffa recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

The office at the Rehov Reines centre was jammed with members waiting to talk to Vicki, the coordinator. "We want to start a drama group," one of them almost shouted over the din of voices.

"So you know what to do," said Vicki. "Take a piece of paper and write down the names of those who'd like to be a professional teacher. The same for the choros you asked me about last week."

With all the municipality budget problems, is it that simple? Yes, Vicki assured me, and Nattali Carni, Community Work Director, confirmed it. There are many people who always wanted to act or sing or dance or paint. Retirement years are a good time to fulfill these ambitions. As for the budget, it is limited, but funds to hire professional teachers a few hours a week are found somehow. Vicki added: "Not only do they get to fulfill lifetime ambitions to be creative — and not only do they run their own affairs — but the centre serves another important purpose."

Stopped caring

"Take an elderly man whose feet hurt him because he wears improper shoes and doesn't get his corns cut. He also doesn't shave because he has stopped caring. After he's come to the centre once or twice, someone will ask him why he doesn't shave. He'll start taking better care of himself, and when the pedicurist comes to the centre he'll have his feet taken care of."

Perhaps the most important thing which differentiates these clubs from the "tea and sympathy" kind is the self-rule concept. Members elect an



Elderly members of one of the community centres look at their handiwork.

executive committee which runs the club, and all special events are planned by elected chairmen.

Sometimes, Vicki admitted, the price of democracy is high. "But we pay it." For example, the Executive Council (made up of committee members from all the clubs) decided that 50 agorot a month membership dues was not enough. They voted to raise dues to a pound a month and the staff hurried to have new membership cards printed. When the membership cards were shown to the council members, they changed their minds. The dues went back down to half a pound and the new membership cards were destroyed.

Visits to sick contemporaries are another example of the "by the elderly for the elderly" philosophy. In an ad published recently in one of the Hebrew papers, homebound aged were invited to call the club to arrange visits by members. "We handled the calls ourselves," the chairman of this group explained.

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On the other hand, a Welfare Department spokesman emphasized, it is important to see these clubs as only one of many social services for the aged. These range from geriatric health stations to welfare assistance, hot meals delivered to the home, advice and help of trained social workers and — as a last resort — institutional care.

French pensioners

Though some of the members of the Reines club are ex-Yefet members, many residents of north-central Tel Aviv have discovered and joined the new centre. Among them are immigrants from Western Europe, including a large group which

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Will 'The Pill' hurt you? Hadassah may have a test

Special to The Jerusalem Post

A TEAM of research workers at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre has found that in healthy young women they investigated who were taking the "pill," 17 per cent showed a rise in blood viscosity, which is the relative proportion of blood cells to plasma fluid. It is known that where there is a rise in blood viscosity, the blood becomes thicker and its flow tends to be slower in the blood vessels; hemostasis is an important factor in controlling the level of viscosity.

The Hadassah scientists believe that this increase in blood viscosity and hemostasis could be related to the development of thromboses (clotting) which occur in a small proportion of women who take birth control pills. They suggest that periodic examinations of blood viscosity and hemostasis could indicate whether a tendency to thrombosis exists.

This seems to the scientists to be a simple test, not as yet in general use, that might be used to indicate whether the administration of oral contraceptives should be continued or not.

English survey

It is generally accepted that a small percentage of women who take the "pill" run a risk of venous thrombosis. A survey in England has revealed that one in every 2,000 women using oral contraceptives is admitted to hospital with vein thrombophlebitis, as opposed to one in 20,000 in the rest of the female population. Despite the many reports of the association of thrombophlebitis and oral contraception, until this investigation, there was no simple test suggested to indicate which women taking oral contraceptives might develop thrombosis.

The mechanism of this side-effect of thrombosis in women taking the "pill" is not fully understood, but thromboses are known to be related to an increase in the viscosity of the blood. The Hadassah team, consisting of Drs. Bennie Aronson and Florella Magora, of the Anaesthesia Department, and Dr. J.C. Schenker, of the Gynaecology Department, carried out the investigation to find whether there were changes in blood viscosity in women taking oral contraceptives, and if so, whether they could be related to the development of thrombosis.

The blood of healthy young women taking oral contraceptives was examined once a month for blood viscosity and hemostasis values. These women were also examined for any signs of edema and thrombophlebitis. In order to measure the effects of cessation of the "pill," treatment was interrupted for at least two months in some randomly chosen women.

In 83% of the women taking the "pill" and in controls, blood viscosity and hemostasis showed no

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Decision today on combating inflation

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The Ministerial Economic Committee is to decide today what to do about inflation.

Three controversial measures were recommended by the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sarbar, in his recent report on the means of payment, a temporary ban on all new buildings and all new projects in the Government's development budget; a reduction in the volume of Government loans to new investment; and a lifting of interest rates on soft loans.

As concerns public buildings, the Ministerial Committee on Housing, headed by Mr. Ze'ev Sharef, will expect to recommend the ban. The stop on development projects is more difficult because many departments claim that their case is exceptional. Posts Minister Peres wants his telephone exchanges built; Tourist Minister Moshe Kol wants his hotels erected.

But what is the point, Mr. Sarbar asks, of starting new hotels when builders cannot complete those already under construction? There are 14,000 tourist-grade hotel rooms in Israel, and another 8,600 await completion. Finish those first, he urges.

A tender went out recently for building a telephone exchange in Acre. Cheap bid was IL1,700 per square metre — almost double the rate charged a year ago — owing to inflationary bottlenecks created by the shortage of resources. The Treasury's Budget Division refused to approve this price.

the country's industry only IL8m. out of an industrial turnover of IL10,000m. (since only a limited proportion of enterprises receive directed credit). Such a change would let the Bank of Israel pay more to the commercial banks for their contribution to directed credit, thus attracting more capital to the fund. This would permit the central bank to withdraw IL100m. or more of its own money from the fund, reducing the volume of credit in the economy.

Even Prof. Milton Friedman, one of the most eminent economists alive (and now on a visit to Israel), has made a contribution to this dispute. Addressing Tel Aviv University on Thursday evening, he stated that interest rates which are kept artificially low in a time of inflation present a great danger to the economy; and that, when prices get stable, interest rates tend to fall.

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No football due to strike by referees

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Over 500 soccer referees yesterday carried out their one-day strike, and no League football matches were held throughout the country.

The referees will be back in action on Lag Ba'Omer, next Tuesday, when a round of National League matches will be played. They will also referee games again next Saturday — the games that were scheduled to be played yesterday. The strike came to protest the fact that several referees have been injured during League games.

The Football Association had apparently become convinced that the referees could not be budged from their determination to strike, in the end the representatives did not appear at the regional meetings of the Referees Association on Thursday night. Only the deputy chairman of the F.A., Mr. Eshanan Ishay, participated in referees meeting in Tel Aviv but made no direct approach to the referees to call off their strike.

Mr. Ya'acov Bienenstock, chairman of the Referees Association, said the referees were now awaiting an invitation from the F.A. to discuss methods of assuring the safety of football referees. "If this is not forthcoming, we shall meet this week and decide on our next step."

Mr. Bienenstock did not, however, anticipate any further strikes this season. "We made our protest yesterday," he said.

15 hurt in train crash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A railway trolley carrying workers home from Beerseba to Dimona on Friday afternoon crashed into an unmanned freight car, which was rolling down the line by force of gravity. The men were thrown off and suffered injuries, none of them serious. (One report said 15 were hurt, only one of whom was hospitalized.)

As far as could be established immediately after the accident, several freight cars standing unbraked on the main line were set into motion by the high winds, and began to roll down the slightly sloping track in the direction of Beerseba.

Railway general manager Avraham Zwick said last night that a committee of inquiry had been set up to investigate the accident. He added that only a thorough investigation could clear up how the freight cars came to be parked on the main line, where they are not supposed to stand, and what caused them to roll off on their own.

Police charged with brutality

The manager of a youth hostel in Jerusalem has filed a private criminal complaint against a police inspector and a sergeant who, he claims, unwarrantedly assaulted him and caused him bodily injury.

The complainant, Mr. David Frishman, manager of the Gouse Waterman-Wise hostel in Bayit Vegan, said Inspector Natfali Levi burst into his bedroom early one morning last April and ordered him to get out of bed. When he asked them why, they allegedly beat him "mercilessly," and dragged him down to the police station in his pyjamas. As a result, Mr. Frishman claimed, he required medical treatment for head and eye injuries.

Police spokesman Avraham Turgenman told "Din" that, after checking the complaint, the police came up with a different version. He said the two policemen were checking a complaint lodged by a man who was allegedly refused admittance into the hostel. "Mr. Frishman will be charged with assaulting and insulting policemen who were acting in the line of duty," the spokesman said. (11m)

Bar-Lev warns of another recession Sharef: Housing shortage until 1975

TEL AVIV. — Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev warned in a radio interview Friday night that, if inflation wasn't stopped in time, Israel would have another recession. Mr. Bar-Lev added that the current inflation was not due to local manufacturing, and warned that some of the steps recommended by the Bank of Israel could do real damage to the country's industry.

Describing the inflation as being due to excessive demand, Mr. Bar-Lev stated that it had been caused neither by the inflow of money to the economy from the Bank of Israel nor by military expenditure, but by growth in the means of payment. Mr. Bar-Lev said this had been growing lately by 1 per cent per week; and that, if this kept up, prices would continue to zoom, manufacturers would begin to hold back goods and the result would be a recession.

Mr. Bar-Lev declared that the main way to combat the danger was to soak up purchasing power and

to hold back the often-dizzying rise in building-materials prices and in certain services and foodstuffs. He put industrial products last on the list of inflation-generators.

Asked whether he was setting up a "Bar-Lev line" against the Bank of Israel's anti-inflation plans, Mr. Bar-Lev (formerly Chief of Staff) answered that he only set up lines for things, not against them. He said the present "line" was "for the good of the Israeli economy," as the line at Suez had been "not against the Egyptians, but for the Jews."

Mr. Bar-Lev said that his position as representative of manufacturers, Government and public, all at the same time, added a bit of "schizophrenia," but added that he was doing his best to remain objective. (11m)

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — The housing shortage in this country will not be eased before 1975-76 — but, even then, newly married couples will have to wait one to two years for an apartment, Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef said on Thursday night. He was speaking to members of the Rotary Clubs of Netanya, Ramat Hasharon, Hadera and Zichron Ya'acov, at the Dan Caesaria Hotel.

Mr. Sharef attributed the housing shortage to three factors: Immigration, the purchase of homes by overseas buyers, and inflation. The latter, he said, was aggravated and exploited by persons buying up flats for speculative purposes.

The Minister placed hopes for alleviation of the situation on new techniques of industrialization and standardization.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An anonymous murder threat was telephoned to the home of basketball referee Yitzhak Tistiner, 50, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Tistiner referred the crucial Friday night National League game between Holon Hapoel and Kiryat Haim Hapoel, at Kiryat Haim. Kiryat Holon team loaned will therefore be relegated to League A.

The anonymous caller charged Mr. Tistiner with "responsibility" for Holon's loss, and threatened to "blow him up." The police started an investigation.

PRICE OF CAPITAL

Biggest argument is over the price of capital. Manufacturers are resisting the proposal to make subsidized loans dearer — and have found a forthright spokesman in their minister, Haim Bar-Lev. Here the subject divides in two. Development loans are under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, while working capital loans come primarily under the Bank of Israel.

The percentage of development loans in approved investments was increased by 15 per cent two years ago, an arrangement due to expire in October. Apostles of deflation believe that the two-year period should be terminated now, and that interest rates should be increased by 3 per cent.

Working capital loans total IL2,000m., of which three-quarters is for exports — and any increase in the interest charged by the Export Fund would be offset by bigger export incentives. That leaves IL500m. of "directed credit," of which IL300m. goes to industry, at 9 per cent.

Economists in the Bank of Israel point out that an increase of 12 per cent in directed credit would cost

Gaza Strip mukhtars briefed on new travel regulations

GAZA. — The village and neighbourhood mukhtars in the Gaza Strip were invited Friday to the offices of the area commanders in Gaza and Khan Yunis to receive explanations on the new orders lifting travel restrictions for residents of the Strip. The new regulations go into effect today.

The mukhtars were asked to bring the information to the attention of the general population. (11m)

Tourism Minister on counter-inflation plans

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol has stated that his office intends to oppose any of the counter-inflationary moves which contradict the principle that the tourism industry is an export industry. Also, while there is room to examine interest rates on the loans granted to investors in various branches of the economy, including the tourism industry, it is unacceptable to speak of freezing hotel building, Mr. Kol stressed in his luncheon address to the Tel Aviv Commercial and Industrial Club on Friday.

It is forbidden to destroy the future of tourism because of the problems of today. The Ministry is prepared to play its role in fighting inflation: even before the current discussions it was decided to raise the interest on working capital of hotels and tourist enterprises by three per cent, he continued.

Ministry loans for new investments will be graduated according to an order of priorities, under a new proposal being finalized by the Ministry, Mr. Kol noted. (The basic idea is that the Ministry will encourage investors to establish hotels and tourism projects in places where they are needed.)

The Ministry intends encouraging the establishment of more popular priced hotels, as the country is suffering a lack in this area. This will be done by reducing the loans for four- and five-star hotels, maintenance of the same rate of loans for three-star hotels, and perhaps by enlarging the credit given to the one- and two-star hotels. These changes will also apply to tourism projects which have already been approved, but on which work doesn't start within three months, he said.

Terrorist killed in clash with army patrol

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A wanted terrorist was shot and killed near the Zeitun Quarter here early Friday afternoon, when he opened fire on an army patrol.

The man, whose name was not released, was detected by the patrol and ordered to surrender. Instead, he opened fire and threw a grenade at the patrol. He was killed when the patrol returned fire.

None of the soldiers was hit.

The army spokesman said the man had been a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, wanted for a number of attacks on army patrols in the Gaza Strip last summer. He was also believed involved in the murder of three local Arab civilians.

Port congestion fees reduced from today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The congestion surcharge on Haifa and Ashdod Ports will be reduced by about one-quarter from today. The surcharge will now amount to 15 per cent on imports (down from 20 per cent) and 10 per cent on exports (from 15 per cent).

The Zim spokesman announced on Friday that all but two of the shipping conference had agreed to the reduction at Zim's suggestion, in view of the easing of the port's congestion. Zim will make the reduction on all its own lines too. The company Gulf and British Conferences, which have not yet agreed to a reduction, to do so, the spokesman said.

The reduction will save importers and exporters about IL50,000 a day off their freight bills.

U.S. reform leaders here on mission

A delegation of 153 leaders of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods of the U.S., and their wives, were yesterday received at the home of the President and Mrs. Zalman Shazar.

Earlier at a Sabbath service and ceremony at Hebrew Union College, Mr. Theodore U. Nelson, a Board member of the Jewish Chautauque Society, which is sponsored by the Federation, announced a grant of IL250,000 to fund a permanent endowment for an annual series of lectures on Liberal Judaism in Israel. The lectures will be taught by Rabbi Ezra Spiechandler, director of Jewish studies at H.U.C.

The leaders are here for a two-week study and service mission. Herbert L. Fortes of Glencoe, Illinois, and Morton L. Kemper of Baltimore participated in the ceremony. Last night, the group attended a dinner meeting at the Israel Museum, where they were addressed by Mr. S. Zalman Abramov, M.K.

Int'l historical symposium at Haifa Univ.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A symposium on "The Interaction between the Jews and the Peoples of East-Central Europe, 1918-1945" will start tomorrow at the University of Haifa with Israeli and foreign historians of note presenting papers. It will be held at a first academic event on an international level, and some top-flight historians are arriving for this occasion.

The opening will be delivered by Prof. Shmuel Etlinger of Jerusalem, on "Jews and Non-Jews in East-Central Europe."

Among the historians from abroad are Prof. Martin Broszat of Munich Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Stephen Roth of the London Institute of Jewish Affairs, Leonard B. Schepp of the London School of Economics, Hugh Seton-Watson of London University's School of Slavonic Studies, Georges Castel of the Sorbonne, Steven Fischer-Galati of Colorado University, C.A. Macartney of Oxford, George Barany of Denver, R.L. Abraham of New York, Walter Laqueur of Vienna, and Erik Weinzierl of Vienna.

The proceedings, in simultaneous English and Hebrew translations, are to be published. About 100 historians and sociologists are expected to attend.

Two youths get 9 months' jail for infiltration

HAIFA. — Two 18-year-old youths from Umm el-Fahm, in Nahal Iron, were sentenced in the District Court here on Friday to nine months' imprisonment each for illegally crossing the border into Lebanon and infiltrating back into Israel.

The accused, Jaber Sharif Mohammad Jabarin and Mohammad Abed Ibrahim Jabarin, crossed into Lebanon last February, near Rosh Hanikra, where they were detained by Lebanese troops and held in custody for about two weeks, during which they were interrogated by intelligence officers. They were afterwards released and infiltrated back into Israel.

After Judge Emanuel Slonim passed sentence on the two accused, the 15-year-old brother of one of them, who was seated among the spectators, rose to his feet and appealed to the judge. He was immediately detained and remanded for seven days on suspicion of contempt of court. (11m)

'Do something' about ships with foreign flags

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Something should be done" about the large number of foreign-flag vessels employed by Israeli ship owners to carry the country's foreign trade, the director of the Transport Ministry's Shipping and Ports Department, Captain Yehanan Cahn, told the Maritime and Economic Club here on Friday.

He also called for "drastic" action to train crews for the sophisticated new ships that Israel's Merchant Marine will be receiving during the next five years.

Captain Cahn noted that, while Israeli shipping companies carried some 80 per cent of the over 8m. tons of the country's imports and exports in 1971, about half of this was on foreign-owned vessels, or on ships carrying foreign flags. "This calls for much greater alertness," he said.

Zvi Rafiah named to Foreign Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Zvi Rafiah, who for over two years was Police Minister Shlomo Hillel's political adviser and head of the Minister's Bureau, has been appointed assistant director of the Foreign Ministry's Research Department. Mr. Rafiah had been on loan from the Foreign Ministry to the Police Ministry. Previously he held senior diplomatic posts in Turkey and Iran.

Mr. Nissan Matri, a former spokesman of the Haifa municipality and manager of a number of Hlistadrut enterprises, has been appointed as Mr. Rafiah's successor and will take up his new post this week.

Mr. Hillel on Friday night gave a farewell reception at his home for Mr. Rafiah. Among the guests were the Police Inspector-General and Mrs. Pinhas, the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office and Mrs. Simha Dinitz; the head of the Public Organization of the Department and Mrs. Shaul Razlison; the Military Commander of Judea and Samaria, Tal-Aluf Rafael Vardi; and the Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry and Mrs. Moshe Sasson; and Mr. and Mrs. Benvenisti.

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may have occurred because the brain was given fresh blood. He said the brain is what caused Olson to go into a coma; and, once the brain was revived, Olson started waking up.

The doctors said they expect Olson to be back on limited active duty within 30 days.

There had been two previous attempts of similar operations at Wilford Hall, Langdon said. The first patient recovered — but then died of pneumonia, an unrelated disorder. The second person died because the operation was attempted too late to do anything about the patient's condition, he said.

The doctors stressed the technique, called "total body perfusion," does not offer a cure for diseases such as leukemia, because it does not attack the source of the disease.

diol Centre; and Col. David Langdon, chief of the gastroenterology service at Wilford Hall, also attended the news conference. They tended the news heart-lung machine said they used a clear salt solution into Olson's arteries as they drained his blood. They then pumped fresh donor blood back into his body.

To protect the patient's brain and vital organs from lack of oxygen-carrying blood, his body and the salt solution were cooled to 35 degrees Fahrenheit (2.4 degrees Centigrade). This slowed the body processes and resulted in Olson being in suspended animation, they said. The saline solution was injected to keep the blood vessels from collapsing.

"Since the operation the patient has made a dramatic recovery, with no obvious signs that he had in any way been damaged during the time he was blood free," Kiebanoff said.

"Unlike blood transfusions, which simply augment or replace lost blood, the saline solution also completely flushed diseased blood from the patient, enabling the liver to regenerate sufficiently to resume its blood filtering process," the team said.

There was light disagreement as to the exact reason for the sergeant's recovery.

Kiebanoff said it was because the liver was given a chance to regenerate itself, because no toxic blood was going through it any longer. Langdon said rapid recovery

Basketball ref gets murder threat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An anonymous murder threat was telephoned to the home of basketball referee Yitzhak Tistiner, 50, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Tistiner referred the crucial Friday night National League game between Holon Hapoel and Kiryat Haim Hapoel, at Kiryat Haim. Kiryat Holon team loaned will therefore be relegated to League A.

The anonymous caller charged Mr. Tistiner with "responsibility" for Holon's loss, and threatened to "blow him up." The police started an investigation.

ROTHSCHILD GOLF CAESAREA. — Yesterday's qualifying round of the Rothschild Cup

was won by Arnie Walker of the Canadian Embassy and Joe Spector of Haifa, with 46 points. Runners-up were Barry Mandel and his father, Marcus Mandel, both of Savoyon, with 43 points. Sixteen teams are qualifying.

Haifa ref invited to Brazil tourney

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — International football referee Avraham Klein, 33, of Haifa has been invited by FIFA (the Federal International Football Association) to referee at the Little World Cup tournament to be held in Brazil from June 7 to July 10 this year.

Klein will be refing alongside some of the world's best referees, who have also been invited to the games. He has previously refed at the Mexico City Olympics, the 1970 World Cup games (which were also held in Mexico City), and many other international matches.

Veteran tennis championships start Tuesday

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nearly 50 players from all over the country will compete in the fifth annual national veterans' tennis championships, beginning on Tuesday at the Maccabi Tzafon courts here. The all-male meet, which will continue for the rest of the week, is organized by the Israel Veterans' Tennis Association.

Nahariya Hapoel's Zvi Lewin is going for his third straight title in the singles event for players in the 45-to-55 age group. Similarly, Avraham Tannenbaum of the Ramat Gan club will be aiming for his third successive victory in the over-55 singles.

Defending champions in the doubles — which is open to all competitors over 45 — are Lewin and Tel Aviv Hapoel's Paul Darvas. The L.V.T.A.'s founder-chairman, Dr. Lajos, told The Jerusalem Post last night that a team of Swedish tennis veterans are due here in October for a series of international matches in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, against Israel's top veteran players.

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Z.O.A. HOUSE DINNER CLUB FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, M.K., Chairman of the Liberal Party Executive will speak in Hebrew on: "Gahal as a Prospective Alternative and the Role of the Liberal Party within Gahal".
Opening Address: Mr. Arie Weisberg, Chairman, Z.O.A. House Management Committee
— By invitation only —
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At 8:30 p.m.
THE LITTLE ENGLISH THEATRE
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Monday

May 1, 5 p.m.
In cooperation with the "ROTARY" Women and Absorption Ministry
NEWCOMER'S SOCIAL CLUB with singer Tamara Sindani
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Tuesday

May 2, 5 p.m.
DRAWING CLUB
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At 8:30 p.m.
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
Mr. S. Cohen, Director of the Studio 15 Photography School will speak in Hebrew on: "Publicity Photographs"
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Also at 8:30 p.m.
THE 20 PLUS FRIENDS CLUB
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Wednesday

May 3, 6 p.m.
In cooperation with WIZO and Absorption Ministry
GOLDEN CLUB
Mr. Mordechai Dayan will speak in Hebrew on: "Absorption Problems."
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Thursday

May 4, 5 p.m.
BRIDGE COURSE
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At 8:30 p.m.
Z.O.A. HOUSE FORUM (in Hebrew)
"Civil Marriage—Pros and Cons" with Knesset Member Gideon Hausner (Independent Liberals); Abraham Katz (Liberal Party); Itzhak Koton (Labor Party); Dr. Avner Shaki (National Religious Party); Moderator: Shimon Samet ("Ha'aretz" Correspondent)
— Questions and Answers —
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Friday

May 5, 9 p.m.
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Advance sale of tickets to all events starts today at Z.O.A. House

Foreign Exchange

(Yesterday's Interbank rates in London)

Dollar	2.6115/19 per £
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Police 'solve' bank robberies in matter of hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV.—Two persons, a young man and a woman, were arrested on Friday on suspicion of robbing the branch of Bank Hapoalim on Sderot Yerushalayim in Jaffa the same day, and the police retrieved all the stolen money — about IL10,000.

At about 9 a.m. a stolen car stopped before the bank and three masked and armed men jumped out, rushed into the bank, and shouted "This is a hold-up." To prove their point one of the robbers fired a warning shot in the air. The cashier then agreed to hand over the money.

In the meantime, several neigh-

boring store owners tried to barricade the car's escape route with broken milk bottles and wooden crates. But the thieves, in their stolen car, managed to storm the barricade and escape. An army car that tried to chase the thieves was unable to pass the barricade.

The police, who arrived on the scene almost immediately, started searching the area. In the midst of the chase the thieves changed vehicles, this time taking a cement-mixer truck. The police managed to trace the owner of the cement mixer and soon found the truck parked in a Holon sidestreet.

Searching the flat of a 25-year-old woman, they found all the stolen money hidden on the balcony. The police arrested her as an accomplice. An hour later a 23-year-old man who lives with the woman was arrested as he entered the door.

They are expected to be brought before the Magistrate's Court today.

Meanwhile, the police arrested a 34-year-old man suspected of robbing the Kiryat Bialik branch of the Foreign Trade Bank on Thursday, only a few hours after the hold-up.

The suspect, Yash Fernand, father of five, was remanded for 15 days in the Haifa Magistrate's Court on Friday.

Police said Fernand got away with IL30,000 after making the bank manager take off his trousers in order to gain time for his getaway. Nevertheless, he was arrested within a few hours, thanks to the 34-year-old man's tip-off. Because of the heat, the robber did not wear a stocking mask and was easily identified.

Police said they had recovered almost all of the money.



The Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, faces his Austrian opposite number, Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlager, at their talks in Jerusalem on Friday. On Mr. Eban's immediate right is Mr. Mordechai Gazit, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and next to him Mr. Moshe Sasson, Deputy Director-General in charge of Middle-Eastern affairs. On Mr. Eban's left is Mr. Yohanan Meroz, Deputy Director-General in charge of European affairs, and next to him Mr. Ze'ev Shek, a former Israeli ambassador in Vienna. Facing the camera is Mr. Michael Peled, who heads the German and Austrian section at the Ministry. On Dr. Kirchschlager's left (foreground) is Dr. Arthur Apstner, the Austrian Ambassador. (Photo-Ema)

Kirchschlager meets Eban on Israel-Austrian relations

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlager, and Israel's Abba Eban held a second "working session" at the Foreign Ministry on Friday. The session lasted over an hour, and was devoted to bilateral relations between the two countries.

Dr. Kirchschlager and his party spent yesterday touring Nazareth and the Galilee. This afternoon he will hold a press conference in Tel Aviv. He is due to leave the country tomorrow morning.

Austria's habit of abstaining at United Nations votes on the Middle East was one of the topics discussed at Friday's session. Mr. Eban suggested that an abstention was tantamount to a vote in favour of the Arab. Dr. Kirchschlager explained that Austria must consider her position within Europe when she decides how to vote at the U.N.

Another issue discussed was the trials of Nazi war criminals and compensation for their victims. The Austrian Foreign Minister said that there had been much criticism — in Austria, too — of recent trials which resulted in acquittals or mild sentences for Nazis. He pointed out that Austria was not obliged to pay compensation to Nazi victims — on the contrary: Austria itself is considered a victim under international agreements. Nevertheless, there exists in Vienna a committee under the Austrian Ministry of Finance which considers claims for compensation; Mr. Kirchschlager said he would pass on Mr. Eban's views to that committee.

Economic and cultural relations were also discussed. Both sides expressed satisfaction at what had been achieved, and hoped for even closer contacts in the future.

On the vexed question of whether Israel is a "developing" or a "developed" nation — this determines its treatment by the Common Market for example — Mr. Eban said jokingly that Israel believed in its "right of self-determination" on this point.

Austrian newsmen and officials accompanying the Foreign Minister

have tended to play down in private conversations the new initiative by U.N. Secretary-General Dr. Waldheim of Austria for a "Lausanne-type" Middle East peace conference. They felt the new Secretary-General was being over-hasty in trying for breakthroughs in long-standing international problems. (Dr. Waldheim and Dr. Kirchschlager were on opposite sides of the Austrian political fence before Dr. Waldheim left his nation's service for his international position.)

As far back as four months ago, on the Commission vote at the height of its deliberations, Mr. Friedman confided to The Post that he was mulling over the outcome of the matter, he would resign. At the time he said: "I stayed my guts out for five years. I worked 14 hours a day, six days a week. My family life has suffered. I spend half my life abroad and the rest in Israel. What for? The IL1,000 I save every month? For the sake of the pointing to the witness stand in Menachem.

Mr. Friedman never questioned the right of the public to demand what it wanted. But I question its right to do this retroactively." He heard 45 witnesses — most of them found to be unreliable. It also ruled that most of the charges brought against me by Dr. Neev were totally unfounded. How is it possible today to go back to where we started because some people wanted to hear other conclusions? As far as he was concerned, the conclusions reached by the Commission were final and nobody has the right to question them.

He said the problem was no longer that of Netivei Neft, "but the problem of the State of Israel and its future."

On this point the man who started it all, Dr. David Neev, agrees with Mr. Friedman. From the outset Dr. Neev said he had instigated the inquiry not against Mr. Friedman himself, but against the "system." Dr. Neev said on Friday that he felt no personal satisfaction at Mr. Friedman's decision to resign as such, but only if the resignation symbolizes public recognition of the serious state of affairs in the country. "If this is the case then we have taken a great leap forward," he added.

Prime Minister Golda Meir, and most other ministers, refused to voice their opinions over the weekend, saying that their views would be expressed in full at today's Cabinet meeting. This was a change from last week, when most public officials spared few words in expressing their opinions about the majority report.

On Friday, Deputy Finance Minister Dinstein and Mr. Ya'acov Eshman, head of the Government Corporations Authority, refused to comment on Mr. Friedman's resignation, and referred all questions to the Ministry's legal advisor. Despite denials from both sides, there is speculation that it was Dr. Dinstein who advised Mr. Friedman that it would be best for all concerned were he to resign.

Some ministers, however, did

Cafe man dies from blast of gas tanks

TEL AVIV.—A restaurant owner from Holon, Yehiel Nuni, died in hospital yesterday as a result of injuries he sustained when his cooking gas tanks exploded on Thursday. The tanks had been removed and "hidden," apparently by one of his neighbours.

Police are holding Zadok Sofer, a 52-year-old carpentry-shop owner, in connection with the explosion, which allegedly grew out of a dispute between the residents and restaurant-owner Yehiel Nuni over the smell of meat being grilled in Nuni's month-old steak bar.

According to the police, who questioned all the residents after the blast, the residents had held a meeting to decide what to do about the fumes. Sofer allegedly took it upon himself, with the other residents' backing, to remove the restaurant's gas cylinders. Nuni, after complaining to the police that the cylinders were missing, went to look for them. He found them in the building's air-raid shelter, where his match apparently set off gas leaking from the cylinders and caused the blast.

Police also suspect an army officer of having had a hand in the affair.

Sofer stated in court that he was entirely innocent, but Judge Boris Rappoport ordered him remanded for six days. (11m)

Red flags for May Day

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV.—May Day will start tonight with special festivities at all Labour Councils throughout the land. Tomorrow will not be a working day, in keeping with the labour holiday, but newspapers will remain open, as the labour holiday is one of the alternative days-off allowed for civil servants.

The two main political events of this May Day are the annual broadcast tonight of Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and the first public appearance in Israel of Mr. Otto Kersten as Secretary-General of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). He arrived last night on a three-day visit. The West German visitor is due tonight to address a Jewish-Arab May Day rally in Nazareth.

As usual, Histadrut premises, banks, insurance companies, co-ops and factories will put out red flags for May Day; the Histadrut Education and Culture Centre has issued special Russian-language pamphlets explaining to puzzled Soviet immigrants why the red flag is flying in Israel.

A demonstration and rally has been called for Jerusalem's Independence Park at 2.00 p.m. Monday to show opposition to the U.S. role in the South East Asian conflict. The demonstration is organized by the Jerusalem Anti-War Committee, Americans Against the Vietnam War, the Free University and the Free High School. (See leader page one)

Woman held in Asherov murder case

TEL AVIV.—A Tel Aviv sculptress whose brother is being held by police in connection with the murder of a Tel Aviv underworld figure was charged on Friday in Magistrate's Court here with illegal possession of foreign currency. The sculptress, Stella Farant, was also said to be in possession of documents connected with the underworld murder of Han Asherov.

Police stated that, hidden in a false ceiling in Mrs. Farant's flat, they found some 80,000 German marks and about \$1,000. Alongside were documents related to Mrs. Farant's brother, Yosef (Yossi) Laria, who owns the Puerto Rico bar on Rehov Dizengoff, where Asherov worked up to his disappearance.

Police claim there is a connection between the money and the murder.

Denying any connection with the Asherov death, Mrs. Farant's lawyer said the sculptress and her interior-decorator husband were not criminals and asked for their release on bond. Judge Boris Rappoport, however, ordered them remanded for six days. (11m)

Triplets born in Capital

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mrs. Hanna Makaitan, 42, gave birth to triplets — all boys — on Friday at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital. The babies were one month premature, and were delivered by caesarian section. However, according to Dr. A. Cahana, mother and babies are in "good" condition.

Mrs. Makaitan has four other children at home. Her husband Shlomo, a diamond polisher, is already looking around for some help in supporting the new additions to his family. The Makaitans live in a two-and-a-half-room flat in what a hospital spokesman described as "very modest circumstances."

According to Dr. Cahana, Mrs. Makaitan had not taken fertility drugs.

Ja'abari: W. Bank 'assembly' will negotiate on settlement

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohamed Ali Ja'abari said last night that the new municipal councils in the West Bank will soon be asked to set up an "executive assembly" to negotiate with both Israel and the Arabs for a peaceful settlement in the area.

Sheikh Ja'abari indicated that the mayors would be convened along with representatives of various groups in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to form the planned assembly. He said the assembly would start to form following Tuesday's municipal elections in Judea. This will be the second and last stage of the West Bank vote following last month's poll in Samaria.

The Hebron mayor and his nine councillors are the only candidates in the city and are expected to be re-elected on Tuesday by acclamation.

The other 12 Judean towns where voting will be held on Tuesday, the election campaign is reaching its climax as some 190 candidates are competing for fewer than 100 seats, and several men competing for each municipality. The mayors are elected either by the highest number of votes or by the support of the council majority.

The election race seemed most heated over the weekend in Ramallah and Bethlehem, where the entire population — and not only the eligible voters — appeared to be involved in the campaign.

Urguplu named Turkish P.M.

ANKARA (AP). — Turkish President Cevdet Sunay yesterday named Senator Suat Hayri Urguplu — former Premier and Ambassador to West Germany, Spain, Britain and the U.S. — to form a new government.

Mr. Urguplu, 69, was appointed to replace Nihat Erim, who became Premier after the armed forces commanders toppled the Justice Party Government of Suleyman Demirel with a coup on March 12, 1971. Dr. Erim resigned on April 17 this year after the parties refused his request for power to rule by decree. Dr. Erim said needless political squabbling was delaying reform and law and order legislation demanded by the commanders.

Lag Ba'Omer on Tuesday

Thousands of celebrants are expected at the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai for the annual Lag Ba'Omer festivities which start on Mount Meron, near Safad, on Monday night. The 139th annual procession of Tora scrolls will set out for Meron from the home of the Abu family, in the Sephardi quarter of Safad, at 2 p.m. on Monday.

On Monday, special Egged buses will leave the Central bus station in Tel Aviv for Meron from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., and on Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Special services will operate on the same two days from Jerusalem and Haifa to Meron, from 6 a.m. on Monday and 5 a.m. on Tuesday.

The annual youth rally in memory of Segen David Eisen, who fell in the line of duty on Lag Ba'Omer two years ago, will be held at Haifa University on Tuesday 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. Special services will operate on the same two days from the Haifa area will take part.

Bhutto, Indira due to meet

RAWALPINDI (Reuters). — President Bhutto of Pakistan and Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi will hold a summit meeting in New Delhi next month following the conclusion due last night of talks here on their agenda, Pakistan radio said.

Earlier yesterday authoritative sources indicated that one of the issues worrying Pakistani leaders — the threatened trial in Bangladesh of Pakistani war prisoners for alleged war crimes — had been discussed in some detail during the four-day talks which the Indian emissary, Mr. Durga Dhar, had with Pakistan's Foreign Secretary-General, Mr. Aziz Ahmed.

Mr. Ahmed had concluded that with the help of India, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, could be persuaded against going ahead with the threatened trials.

Friedman resigns.

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firm in order to devote himself to the Abu Rodels company.

To reporters, Mr. Friedman said that when he returned to Israel on Thursday and saw "the renewed witch-hunt" being conducted against him, despite the fact that he had been cleared by a Commission appointed by the Government and headed by a High Court Justice, he decided to "draw the obvious conclusions" and resign.

He referred to the months prior to the Commission's report as the "worst six months of my life and a nightmare for myself and my family." The satisfaction he had derived from the majority decision — "a decision reached after I had been put through all seven gates of hell" — had quickly dissipated with the renewed "groundless attacks."

He said that with the current wave of public hysteria he felt that he could not carry on his job without it affecting both his private interests, and the interests of the firm.

He charged that the attack had been engineered by "interested parties" and that during the hearing several people "including a top civil servant" had lied. The attack had been a joint effort, he claimed, by journalists, persons in the media and several Government officials who were exploiting the affair for political capital. He was considering taking legal action against several people who had sullied his name, he said.

Mr. Friedman categorically denied that he had been pressured into resigning, and in an interview on Israel Television on Friday night he claimed that his resignation had absolutely nothing to do with the possibility that the Government may come to conclusions other than those reached in the majority report.

As far back as four months ago, on the Commission vote at the height of its deliberations, Mr. Friedman confided to The Post that he was mulling over the outcome of the matter, he would resign. At the time he said: "I stayed my guts out for five years. I worked 14 hours a day, six days a week. My family life has suffered. I spend half my life abroad and the rest in Israel. What for? The IL1,000 I save every month? For the sake of the pointing to the witness stand in Menachem.

Mr. Friedman never questioned the right of the public to demand what it wanted. But I question its right to do this retroactively." He heard 45 witnesses — most of them found to be unreliable. It also ruled that most of the charges brought against me by Dr. Neev were totally unfounded. How is it possible today to go back to where we started because some people wanted to hear other conclusions? As far as he was concerned, the conclusions reached by the Commission were final and nobody has the right to question them.

He said the problem was no longer that of Netivei Neft, "but the problem of the State of Israel and its future."

On this point the man who started it all, Dr. David Neev, agrees with Mr. Friedman. From the outset Dr. Neev said he had instigated the inquiry not against Mr. Friedman himself, but against the "system." Dr. Neev said on Friday that he felt no personal satisfaction at Mr. Friedman's decision to resign as such, but only if the resignation symbolizes public recognition of the serious state of affairs in the country. "If this is the case then we have taken a great leap forward," he added.

Prime Minister Golda Meir, and most other ministers, refused to voice their opinions over the weekend, saying that their views would be expressed in full at today's Cabinet meeting. This was a change from last week, when most public officials spared few words in expressing their opinions about the majority report.

On Friday, Deputy Finance Minister Dinstein and Mr. Ya'acov Eshman, head of the Government Corporations Authority, refused to comment on Mr. Friedman's resignation, and referred all questions to the Ministry's legal advisor. Despite denials from both sides, there is speculation that it was Dr. Dinstein who advised Mr. Friedman that it would be best for all concerned were he to resign.

Some ministers, however, did

react. Speaking to Post reporter Ya'acov Friedler at Kibbutz Sarid yesterday, Absorption Minister Nathan Peled said that Mr. Friedman's resignation does not put an end to the Netivei Neft affair. He said the inquiry had unearthed several more topics "which still have to be clarified." He identified himself with the minority report submitted by Atuf (Res.) Meir Zorea, he said. He termed the public outcry as "legitimate democracy."

Health Minister Victor Shemtov also felt the affair was by no means over and said in a radio interview "it was clear for all to see that there is a huge gap between the report's findings and its recommendations." Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev also felt the issue should be debated further at the Cabinet table.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol expressed unqualified satisfaction at the fact that Mr. Friedman had decided to resign. While Welfare Minister Michael Hazani said that in his opinion the Inquiry Commission's Law should be changed so that the members would present the Cabinet with their findings, and not with their recommendations. It would be up to the Government to draw conclusions, he said.

Knesset Members also expressed their opinions: Dr. Elimelech Rabin, leader of the Liberal faction in Knesset, claimed that Friedman was right in resigning when he did, but added that it was not only Friedman who was being tried, but the entire system. Conclusions should also be drawn with regard to those who were responsible for Mr. Friedman, he said. Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said he disagreed with several of the conclusions reached by the drafters of the majority report, because these could have "negative social repercussions."

The State Comptroller, Dr. I.E. Nebenzahl, stated last week that his office had not carried out its investigations concerning Netivei Neft "at full steam" while the Commission was deliberating, but now that it was over, he hoped to be able to present his own report within the next six months.

Meanwhile The Post's political reporter, Mark Segal, reliably learned yesterday that the Knesset's Finance Committee is expected to launch a "wholesale investigation" into the country's petroleum industry in the wake of the revelations of the Witkon hearing.

Apparently there is a growing body of parliamentary opinion, even inside the Labour Party, that is not entirely happy with the direction of oil affairs under Dr. Dinstein. It is said that some senior officials in the Finance Ministry, and the various Government companies, have been raising such questions of late and have asked an ever-expanding audience among influential political

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hazy, with a further rise in temperature. The haze will dissipate gradually, with probability of local rain.

Station	Temp.	Wind	Humidity
Jerusalem	78	20-24	60-70
Golan	78	14-24	60-70
Nahariya	75	16-25	60-70
Safed	68	16-25	60-70
Tiberias	68	20-25	60-70
Nazareth	68	20-27	60-70
Aluf	50	17-21	60-70
Shomron	72	17-21	60-70
Tel Aviv	54	23-31	60-70
Lod	45	22-31	60-70
Jericho	50	22-31	60-70
Galilee	50	22-31	60-70
Beersheba	53	20-31	60-70
Eilat	81	24-31	60-70
Tiran	81	24-31	60-70

DEPARTURES

Guatemalan writer Miguel Asturias, Nobel laureate in 1954, will visit Israel after an 11-day visit to Israel. He will be accompanied by his wife, the poetess, and by his daughter, the actress, who will be performing in the Hebrew University and the Tel Aviv Municipal Theatre. He will also be visiting the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture. He will be in Israel from May 1 to May 15.

Mr. Israel Gevirtzman, manager-director of Erit-Tel Aviv canning works, will be in Israel from May 1 to May 15.

Mr. Israel Kessler, of the U.S. speaking tour for the "Ezra" Association, will be in Israel from May 1 to May 15.

B'sheba couples arrested after housing protest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA.—Three of the couples squatting outside the Beer-sheba Municipality housing project for better housing were arrested on Friday when they refused to leave the local Housing Ministry offices after the director, Mr. Zvi Oren, refused to receive them.

(Mr. Oren had received the couples on Thursday when they refused an offer for housing in Ofakim.)

As the third week of the demonstration outside City Hall drew to a close, five couples and a divorced woman with two children were still striking; three couples received their keys during the first week of the strike and two couples dropped out. The strikers include two pregnant women and a total of four young children, aged two months to eight years.

Meanwhile, two of the couples have received letters from the Housing Ministry saying that their requests were being dealt with.

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